



AI and Multiagent Systems for Social Good

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AI and Multiagent Systems Research for Social Good



**Public Safety
and Security**



Conservation



Public Health

Viewing Social Problems as Multiagent Systems

Key research challenge across problem areas:

**Optimize Our Limited Intervention Resources
when
Interacting with Other Agents**

Multiagent Systems

Optimizing Limited Intervention (Security) Resources

Public Safety and Security Stackelberg Security Games



- Game Theory for security resource optimization
- Real-world: US Coast Guard, US Federal Air Marshals Service...

Multiagent Systems

Optimizing Limited Intervention (Ranger) Resources

Conservation/Wildlife Protection: Green Security Games

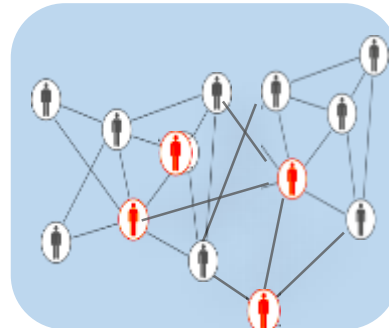
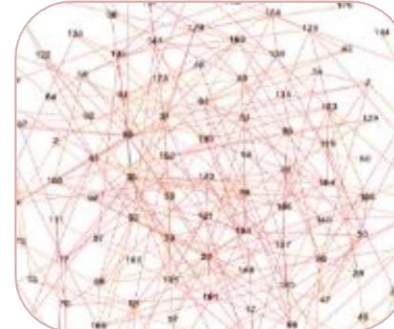


- Security games and adversary (poacher) behavior prediction
- Real-world: National parks in Uganda, Malaysia...

Multiagent Systems

Optimizing Limited Intervention (Social Worker) Resources

Public Health: Games against Nature



- Social networks to enhance intervention, e.g., HIV information
- Real-world pilot tests: Homeless youth shelters in Los Angeles

Solving Problems: Overall Research Framework

Interdisciplinary Partnerships

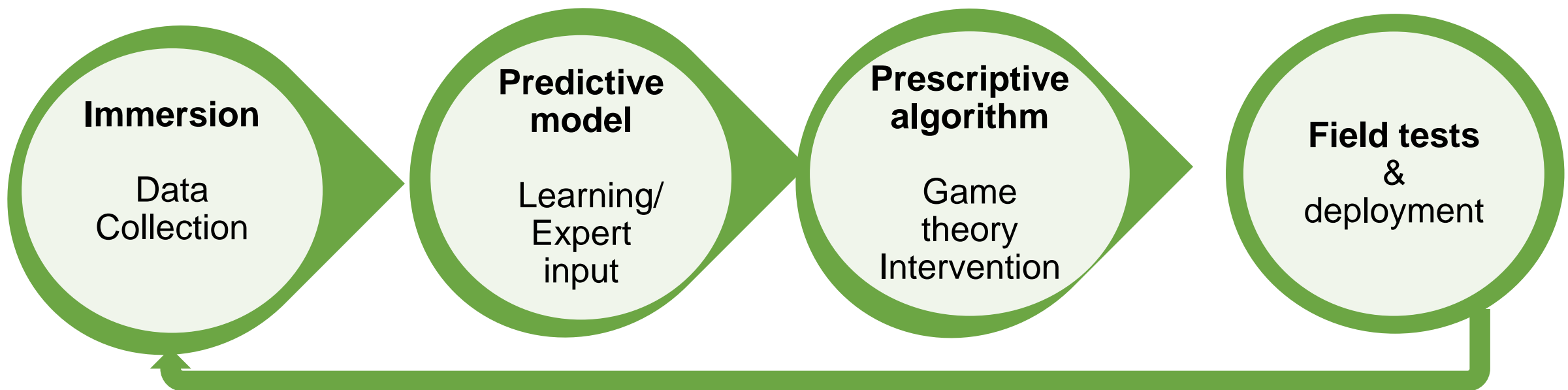


Transportation
Security
Administration



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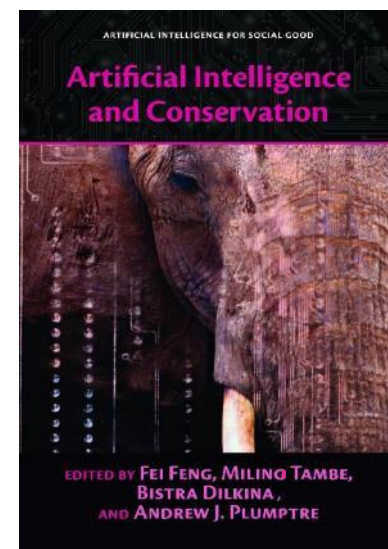
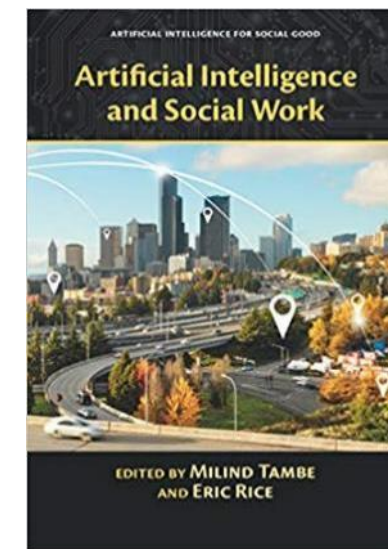
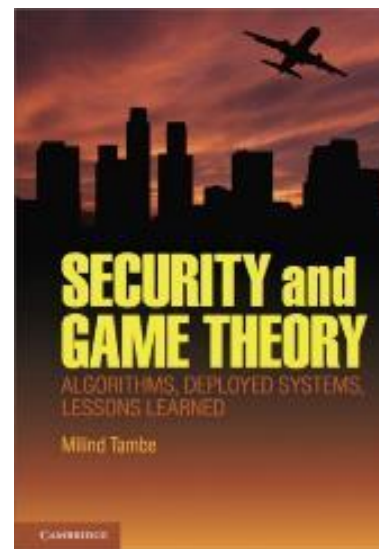
Outline: Overview of Past 10 Years of Research

Public Safety & Security: Stackelberg Security Games

Conservation/Wildlife Protection: Green Security Games

Public Health: Influence maximization/Game against nature

- AAMAS, AAAI, IJCAI
- Real world evaluation
- PhD students & postdocs



11 July 2006: Mumbai



ARMOR Airport Security: LAX(2007)

Game Theory direct use for security resource optimization?

Erroll Southers

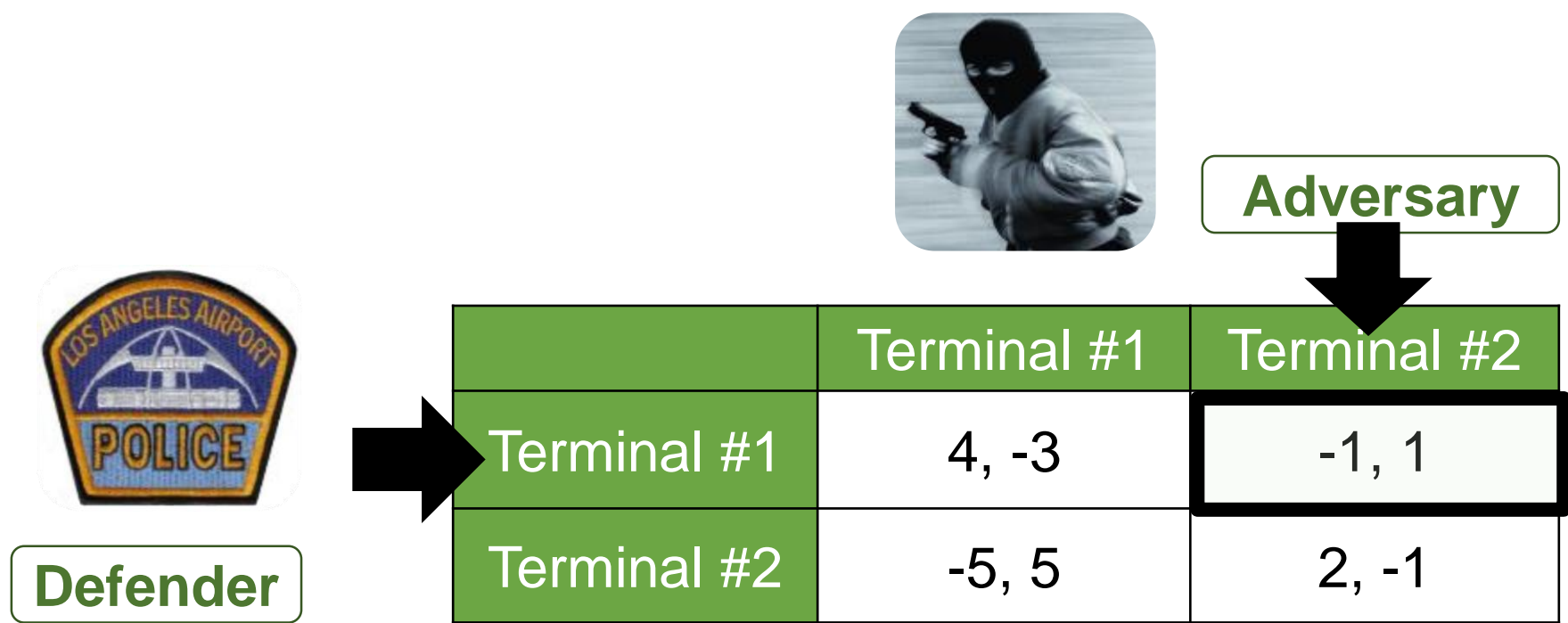


LAX Airport, Los Angeles



Game Theory for Security Resource Optimization

New Model: Stackelberg Security Games




Game Theory for Security Resource Optimization

New Model: Stackelberg Security Games


Stackelberg: Defender commits to randomized strategy, adversary responds

Security game: Played on targets, payoffs based on targets covered or not

Optimization: Not 100% security; increase cost/uncertainty to attackers



Defender



Adversary

	Terminal #1	Terminal #2
Terminal #1	4, -3	-1, 1
Terminal #2	-5, 5	2, -1

ARMOR at LAX

Basic Security Game Operation [2007]



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Pita



	Target #1	Target #2	Target #3
Defender #1	2, -1	-3, 4	-3, 4
Defender #2	-3, 3	3, -2
Defender #3



Mixed Integer Program



Pr (Canine patrol, 8 AM @Terminals 2,5,6) = 0.17

Canine Team Schedule, July 28

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6	Term 7	Term 8
8 AM		Team1			Team3	Team5		
9 AM			Team1	Team2				Team4
...

Security Game MIP [2007]



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Pita



$j \longrightarrow$

$i \downarrow$	Target #1	Target #2	Target #3
Defender #1	2, -1	-3, 4	-3, 4
Defender #2	-3, 3	3, -2
Defender #3

$$\max \sum_{i \in X} \sum_{j \in Q} R_{ij} \times x_i \times q_j$$

Maximize defender expected utility

$$s.t. \sum_i x_i = 1$$

Defender mixed strategy

$$\sum_{j \in Q} q_j = 1$$

Adversary response

$$0 \leq (a - \sum_{i \in X} C_{ij} x_i) \leq (1 - q_j) M$$

Adversary best response

SECURITY GAME PAYOFFS [2007]

Previous Research Provides Payoffs in Security Games



	Target #1	Target #2	Target #3
Defender #1	2, -1	-3, 4	-3, 4
Defender #2	-3, 3	3, -2	....
Defender #3	....	....	....

+ Handling
Uncertainty

$$\max \sum_{i \in X} \sum_{j \in Q} R_{ij} \times x_i \times q_j$$

Maximize defender
expected utility



ARMOR: Optimizing Security Resource Allocation [2007]

First application: Computational game theory for operational security



January 2009

- January 3rd *Loaded 9/mm pistol*
- January 9th *16-handguns,
1000 rounds of ammo*
- January 10th *Two unloaded shotguns*
- January 12th *Loaded 22/cal rifle*
- January 17th *Loaded 9/mm pistol*
- January 22nd *Unloaded 9/mm pistol*

ARMOR AIRPORT SECURITY: LAX [2008]

Congressional Subcommittee Hearings



**Commendations
City of Los Angeles**



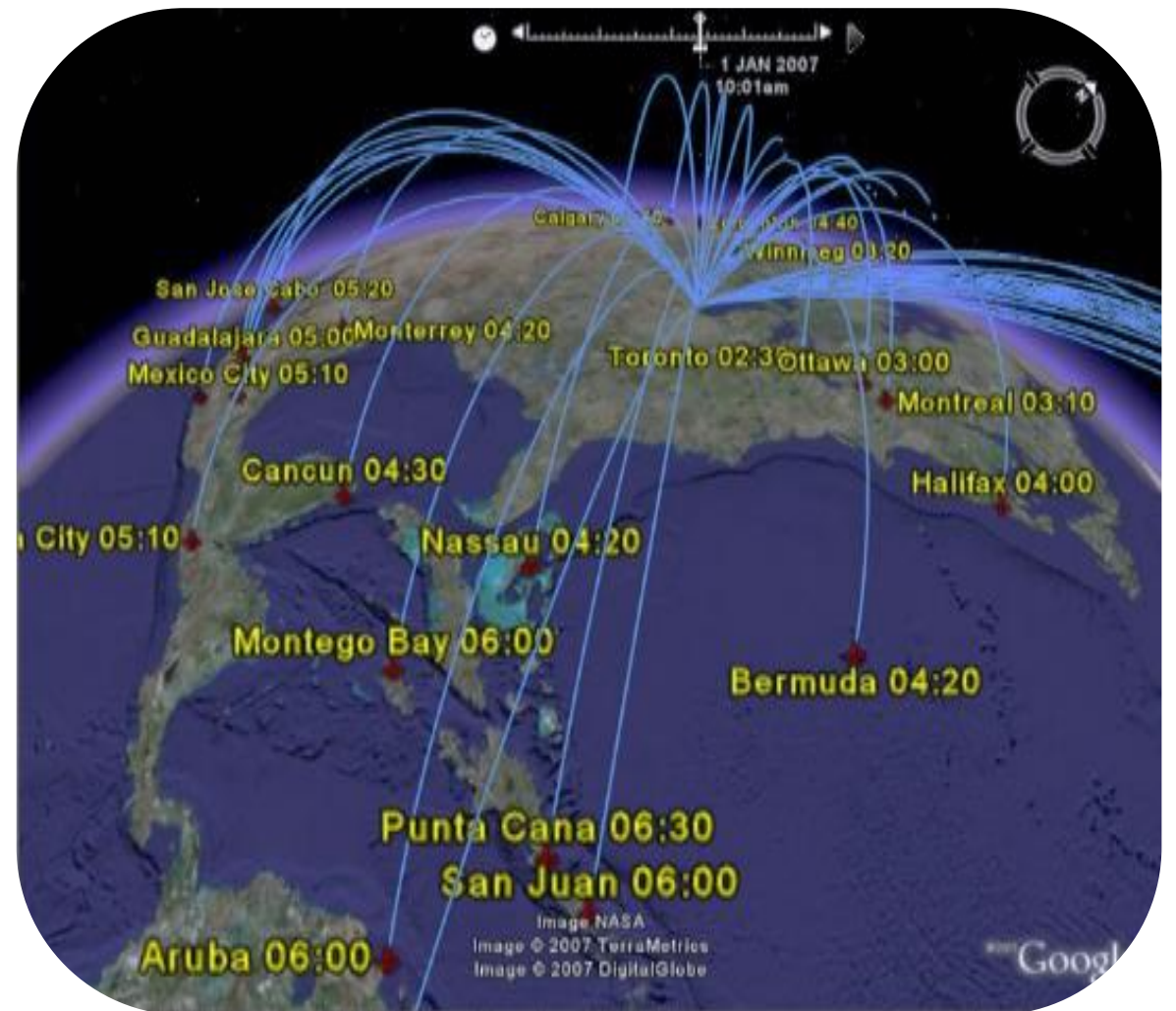
**Erroll Southern testimony
Congressional subcommittee**



ARMOR...throws a digital cloak of invisibility....

Federal Air Marshals Service [2009]

Visiting Freedom Center: Home of Federal Air Marshals Service



Scale Up Difficulty [2009]



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x_i Defender mixed strategy

1000 flights, 20 air marshals:

10^{41} combinations

$$\max_{x,q} \sum_{i \in X} \sum_{j \in Q} R_{ij} x_i q_j$$

$$s.t. \sum_i x_i = 1, \sum_{j \in Q} q_j = 1$$

$$0 \leq (a - \sum_{i \in X} C_{ij} x_i) \leq (1 - q_j) M$$

	Attack 1	Attack 2	Attack ...	Attack 1000
1, 2, 3 ..	5,-10	4,-8	...	-20,9
1, 2, 4 ..	5,-10	4,-8	...	-20,9
1, 3, 5 ..	5,-10	-9,5	...	-20,9
...				
...	← 10^{41} rows			

Scale Up [2009]

Exploiting Small Support Size



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Theorem: For T targets, optimal solution of support set size $T+1$ always exists

Small support set size:
Most x_i variables zero

1000 flights, 20 air marshals:

10^{41} combinations

		Attack 1	Attack 2	Attack ...	Attack 1000
$x_{123} = 0.0$	1, 2, 3 ..	5, 10	4, 8	...	20, 9
$x_{124} = 0.239$	1, 2, 4 ..	5, -10	4, -8	...	-20, 9
$x_{135} = 0.0$	1, 3, 5 ..	5, 10	9, 5	...	20, 9
$x_{378} = 0.123$...				
	...	$\leftarrow 10^{41}$ rows			

New Exact Algorithm for Scale up



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Incremental strategy generation: First for Stackelberg Security Games

Master

	Attack 1	Attack 2	...	Attack 6
1,2,4	5,-10	4,-8	...	-20,9

	Attack 1	Attack 2	...	Attack 6
1,2,4	5,-10	4,-8	...	-20,9
3,7,8	-8,10	-8,10	...	-8, 10

	Attack 1	...	...	...
1,2,4	5,-10	...	...	...
3,7,8	-8,10	...	...	...
...

Slave (LP Duality Theory)
Best new pure strategy

GLOBAL OPTIMAL
1000 defender strategies
NOT 10^{41}

Theory)
e strategy

IRIS: Deployed FAMS [2009-]



Significant change in FAMS operations



September 2011: Certificate of Appreciation (Federal Air Marshals)

PROTECT: Port and Ferry Protection Patrols [2011] Using Marginals for Scale up



Shieh

An

Boston



Los Angeles



New York



PROTECT: Ferry Protection Deployed [2013]



FERRIES: Mobile Resources & Moving Targets

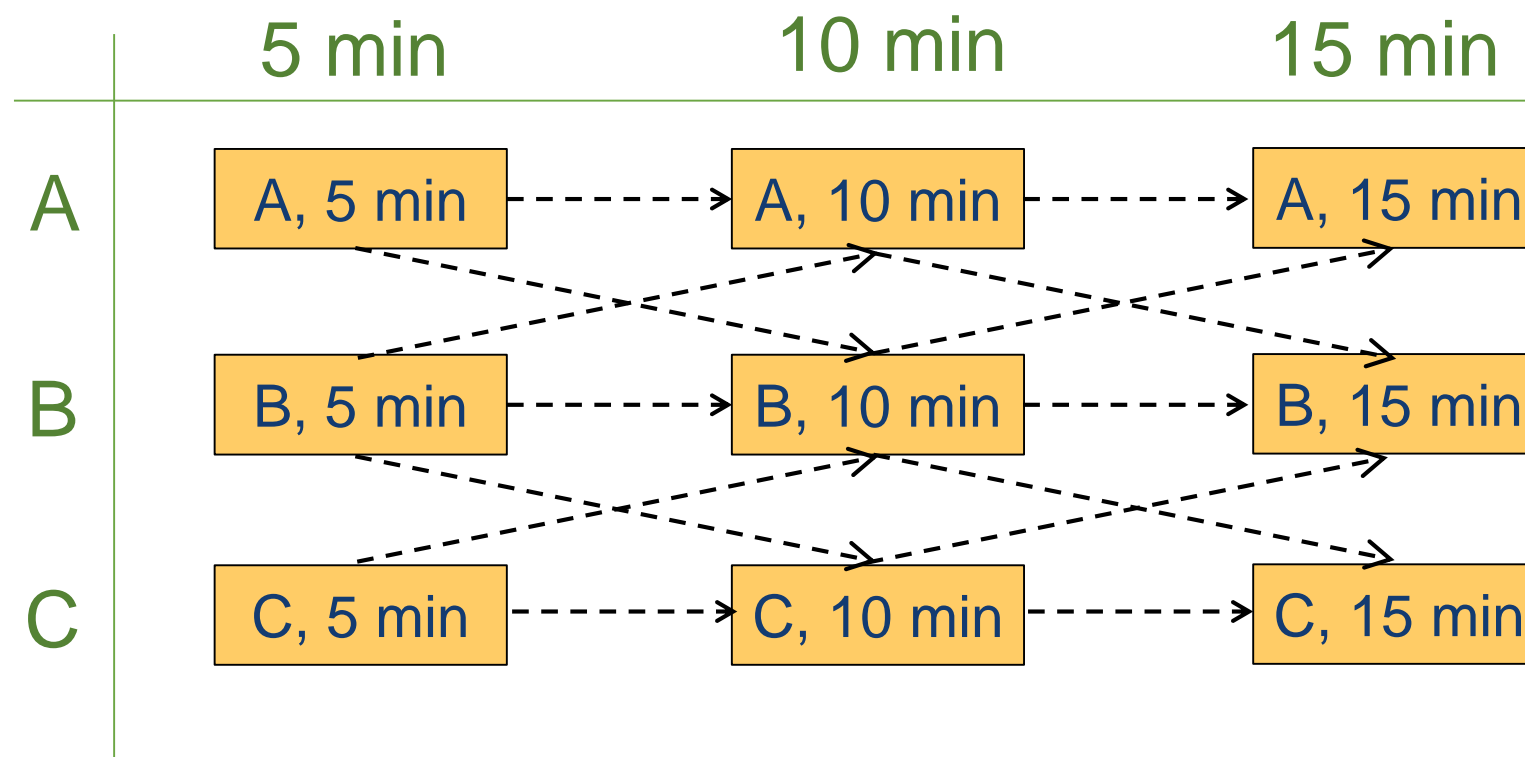
Spatio-Temporal Security Games: Transition Graphs



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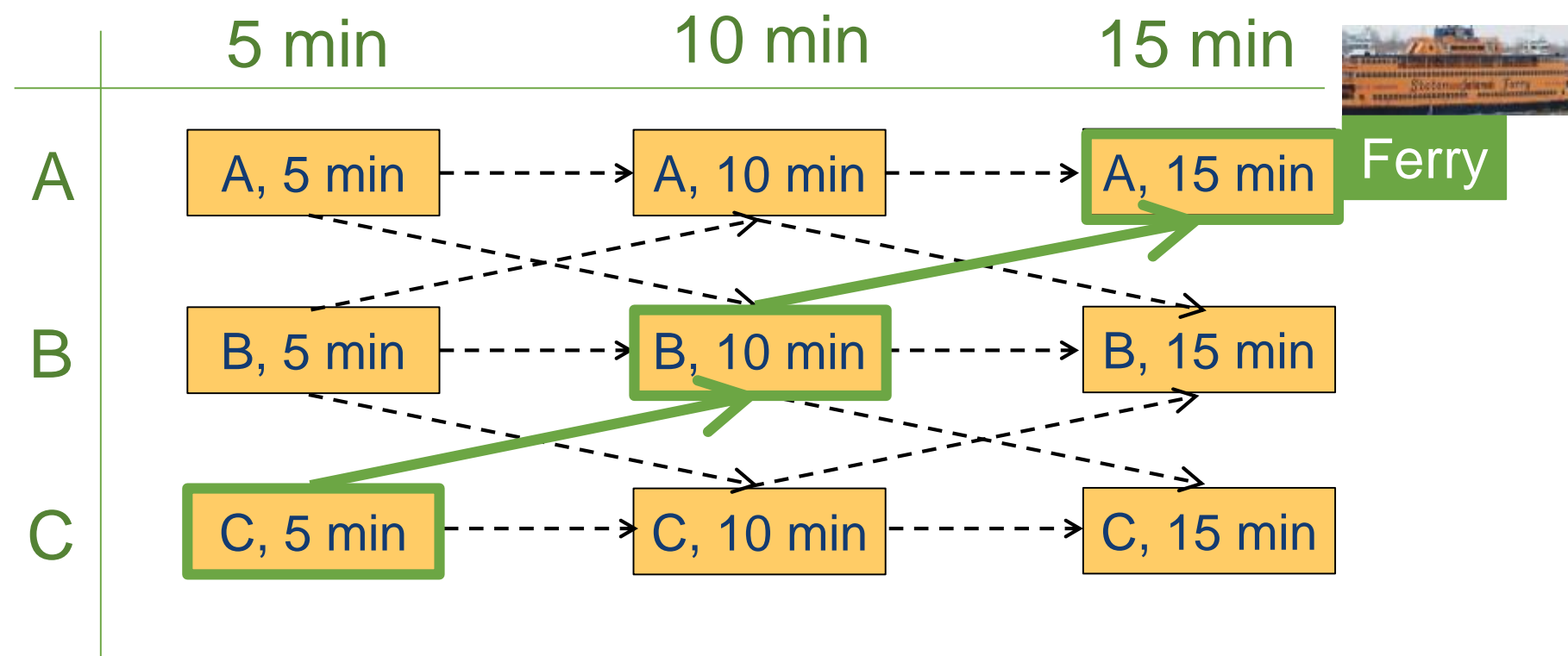
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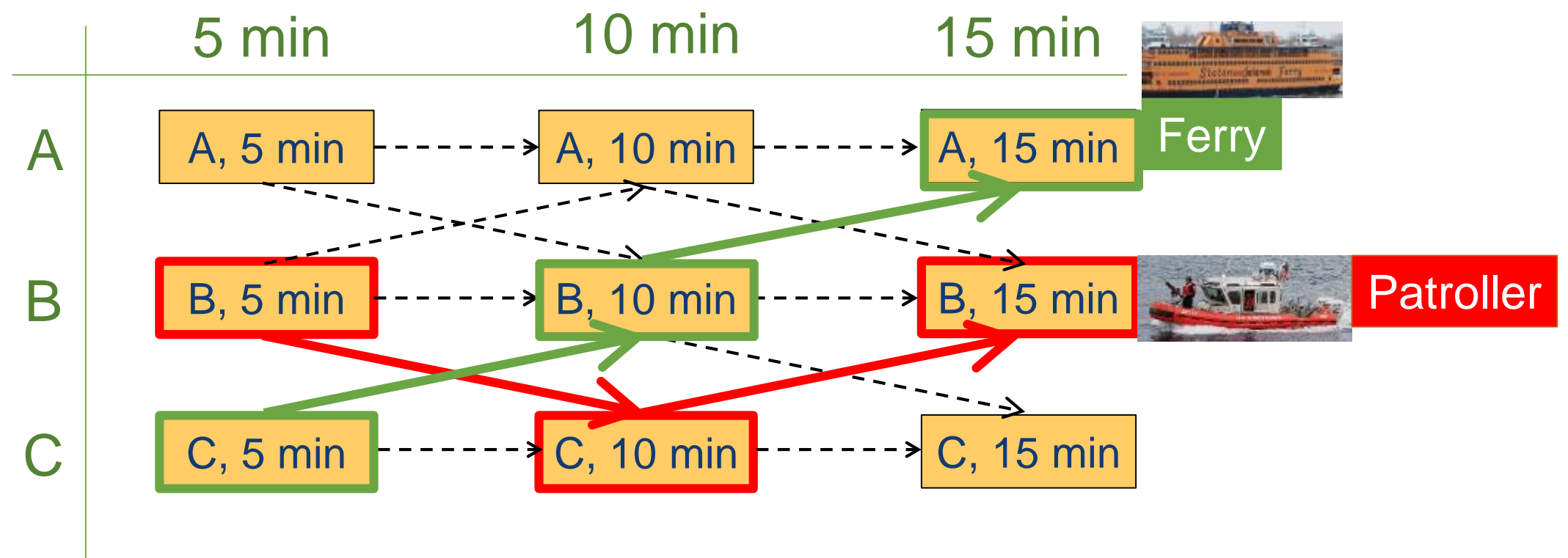
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FERRIES: Scale up Difficulties

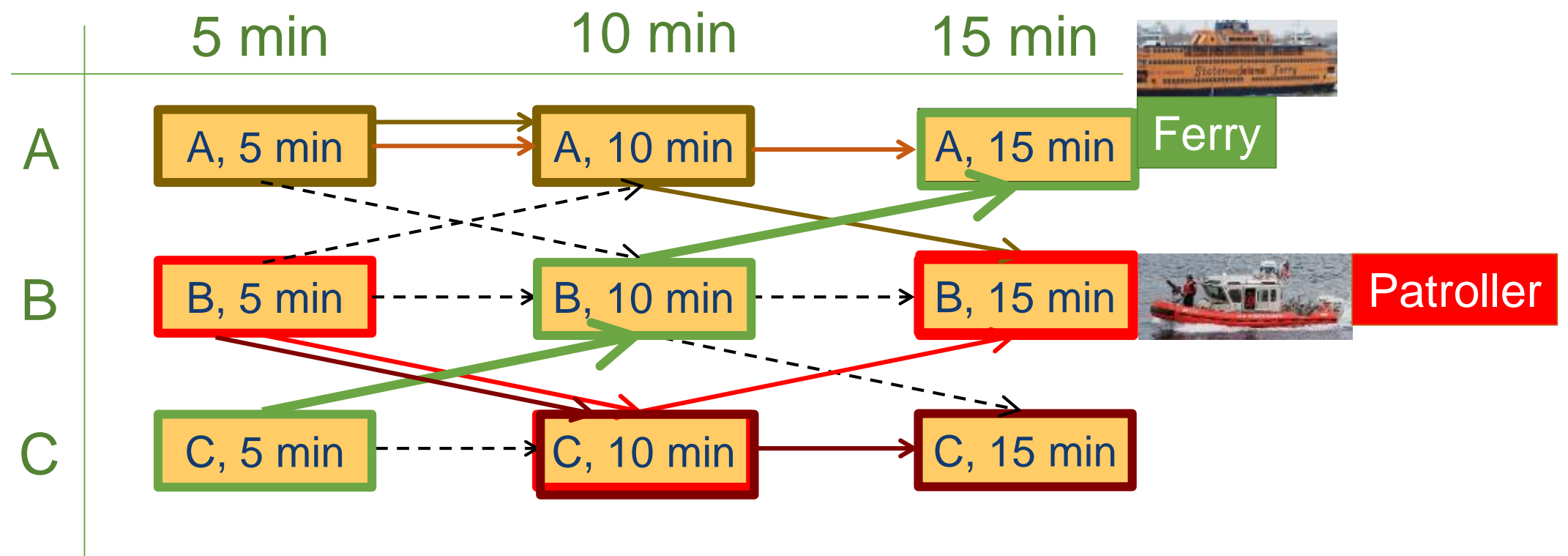


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Exponential N^T routes: variables



FERRIES: Scale-Up

Marginal probability over route segments

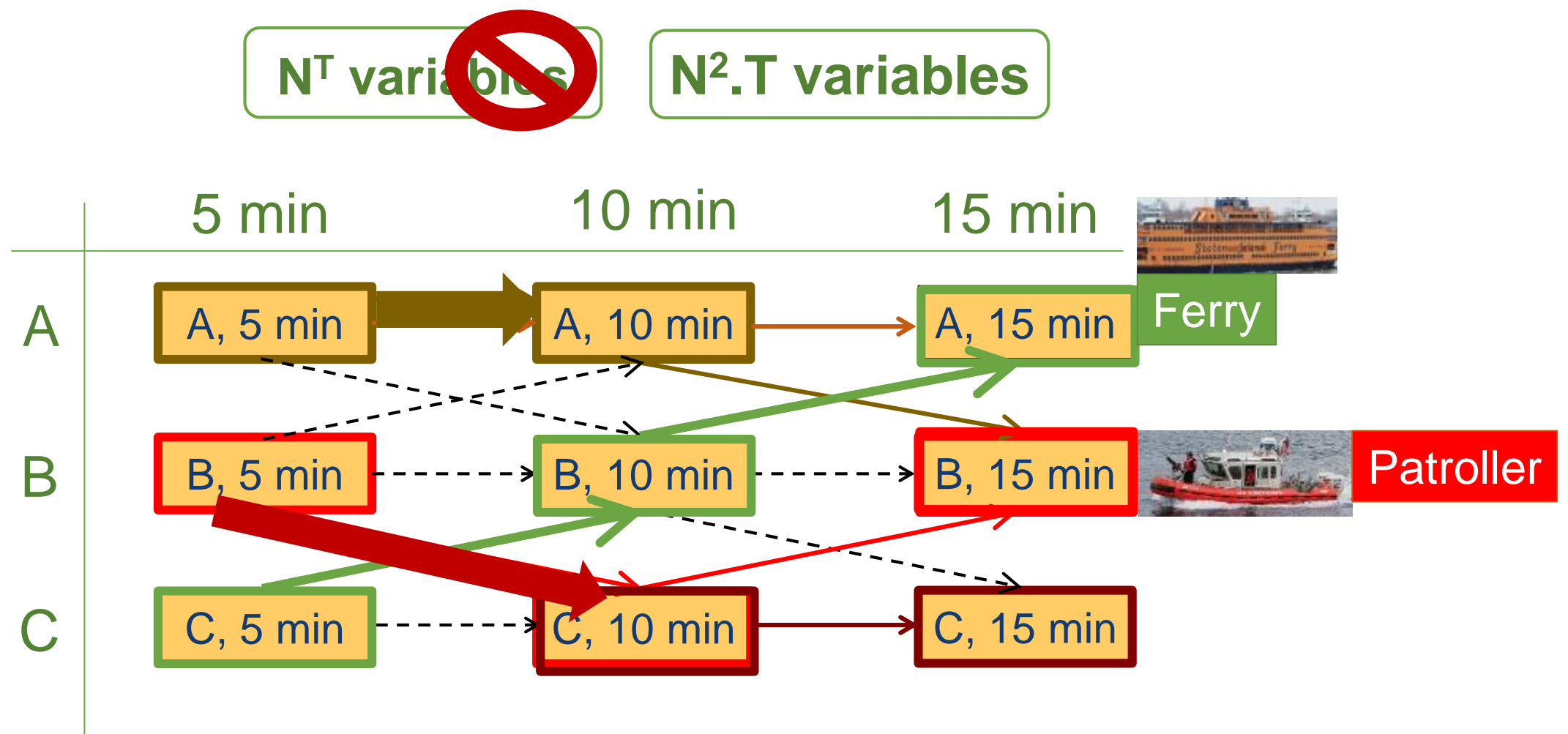


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Theorem: Marginals enable scale-up with no solution quality loss



PROTECT: Port Protection Patrols [2013]

Congressional Subcommittee Hearing



**June 2013: Meritorious Team Commendation
from Commandant (US Coast Guard)**



**July 2011: Operational Excellence
Award (US Coast Guard, Boston)**



Significant Real-World Evaluation Effort

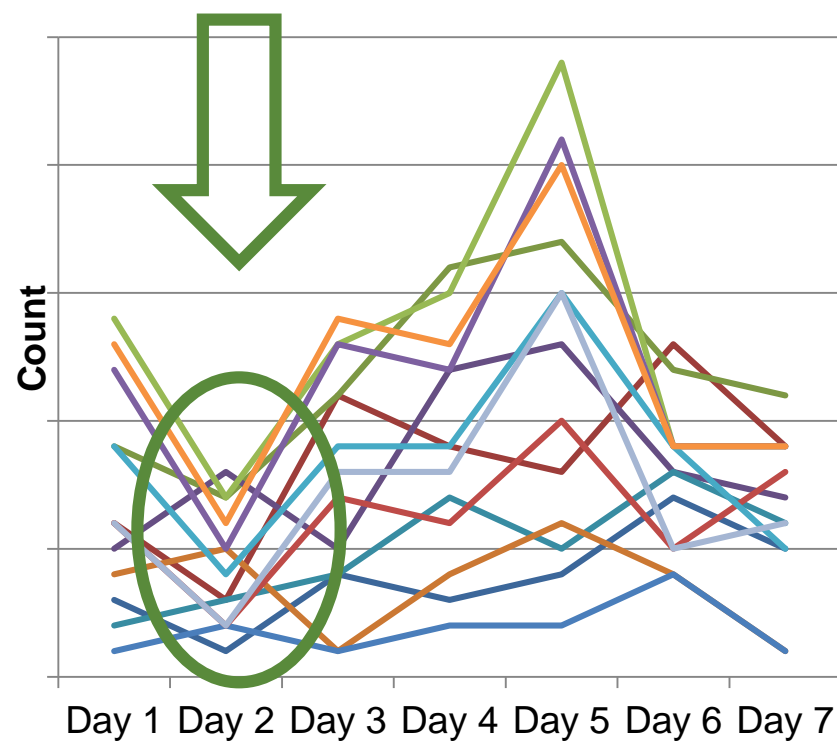
Security Games superior in
Optimizing Limited Security Resources
Vs

Human Schedulers/“simple random”

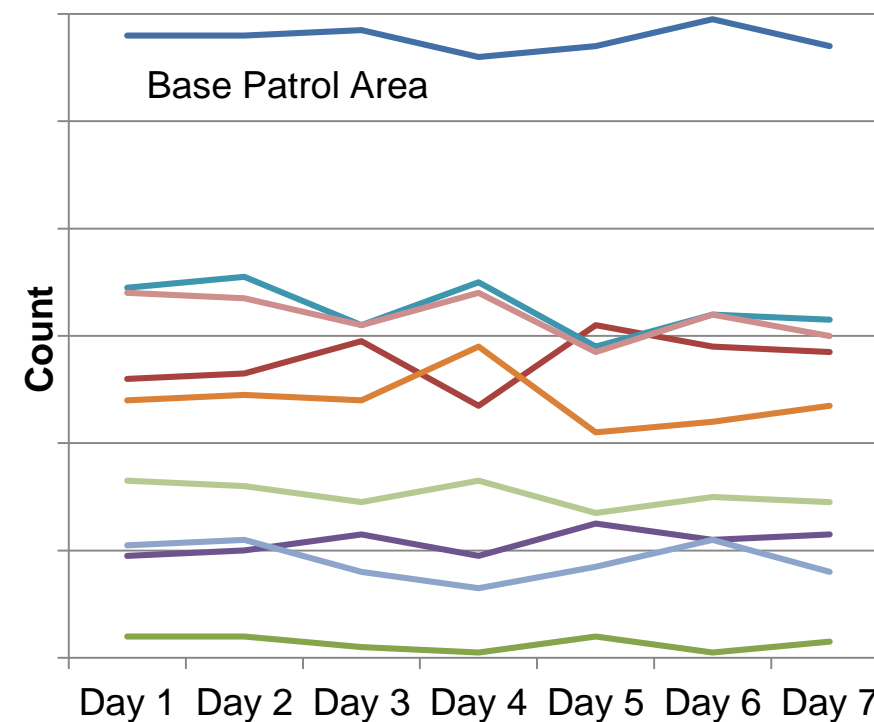
Field Evaluation of Schedule Quality

Improved Patrol Unpredictability & Coverage for Less Effort

Patrols Before PROTECT: Boston



Patrols After PROTECT: Boston



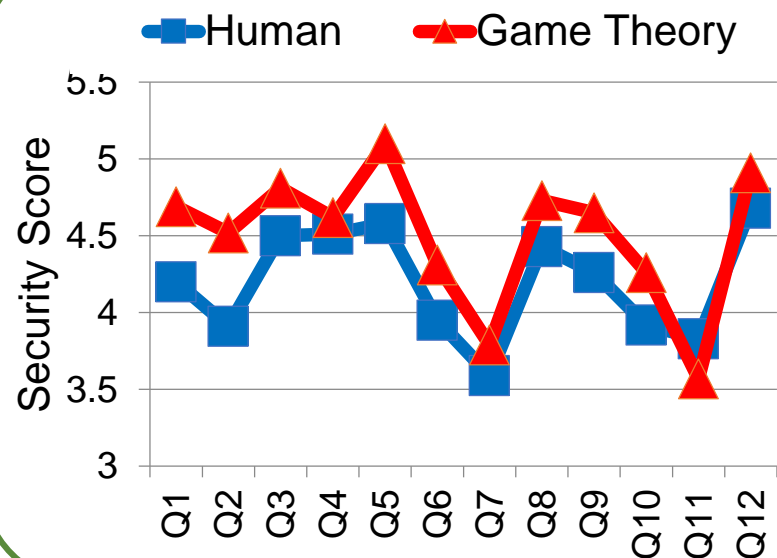
350% increase in defender expected utility

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FAMS: IRIS Outperformed expert human over six months

Report:GAO-09-903T



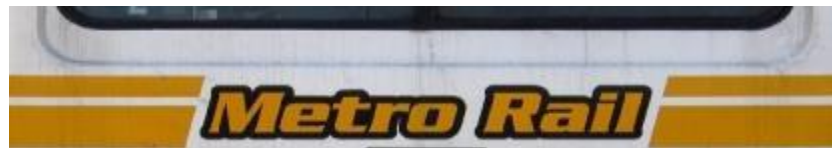
Train patrols: Game theory outperformed expert humans schedule 90 officers



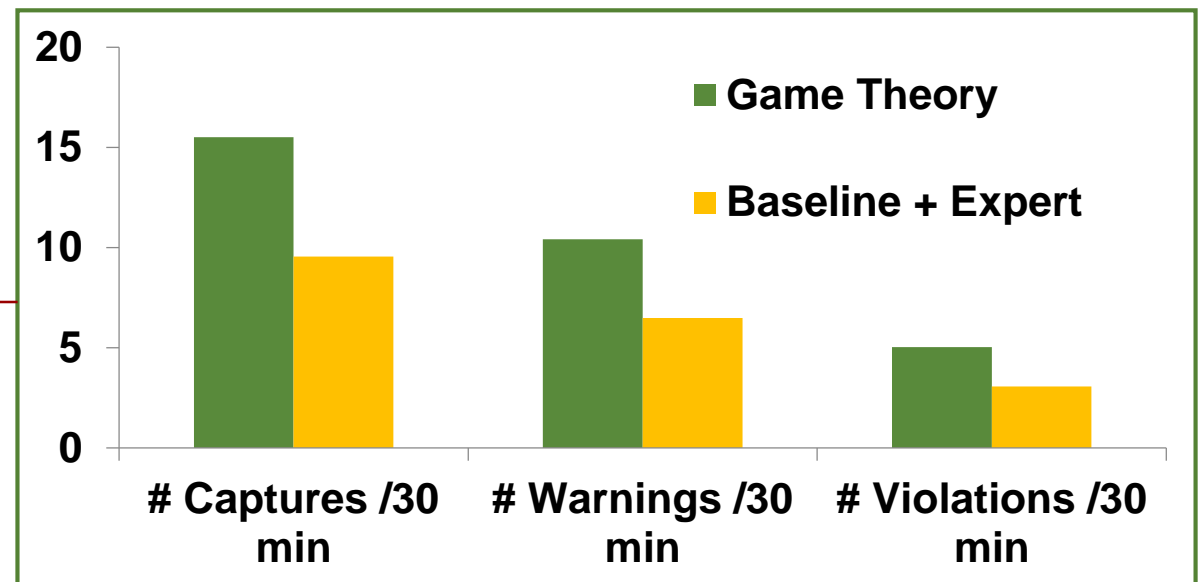
Field Tests Against Adversaries

Computational Game Theory in the Field

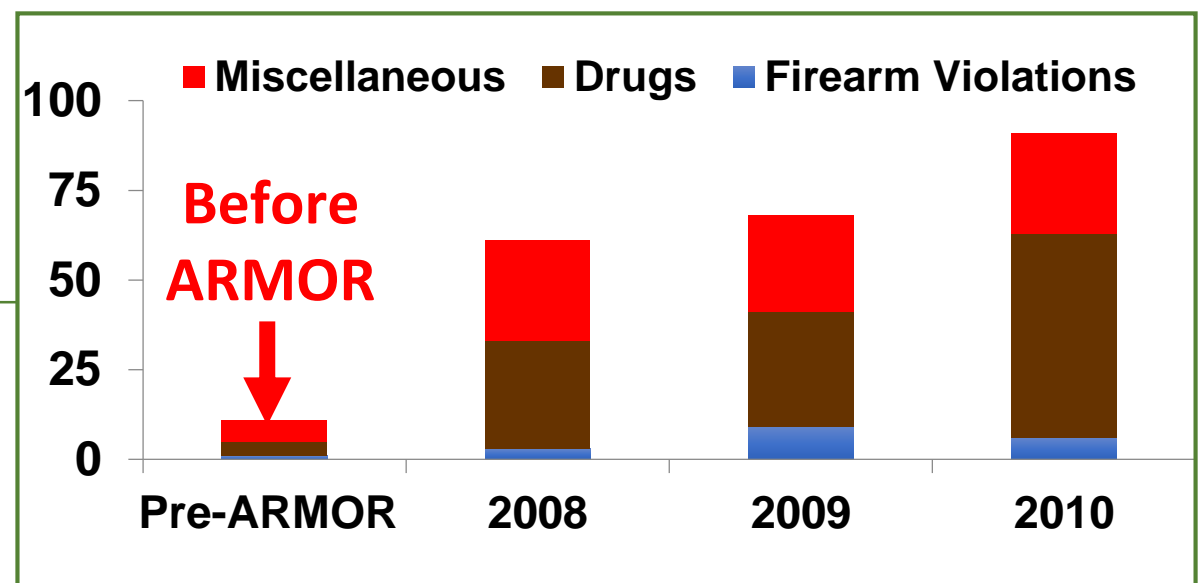
Controlled



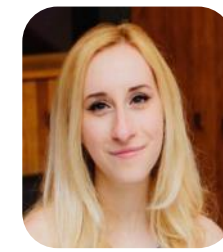
- 21 days of patrol, identical conditions
- Game theory vs Baseline+Expert



Not Controlled



New Directions in Stackelberg Security Games [2018]



McCarthy



Schlenker

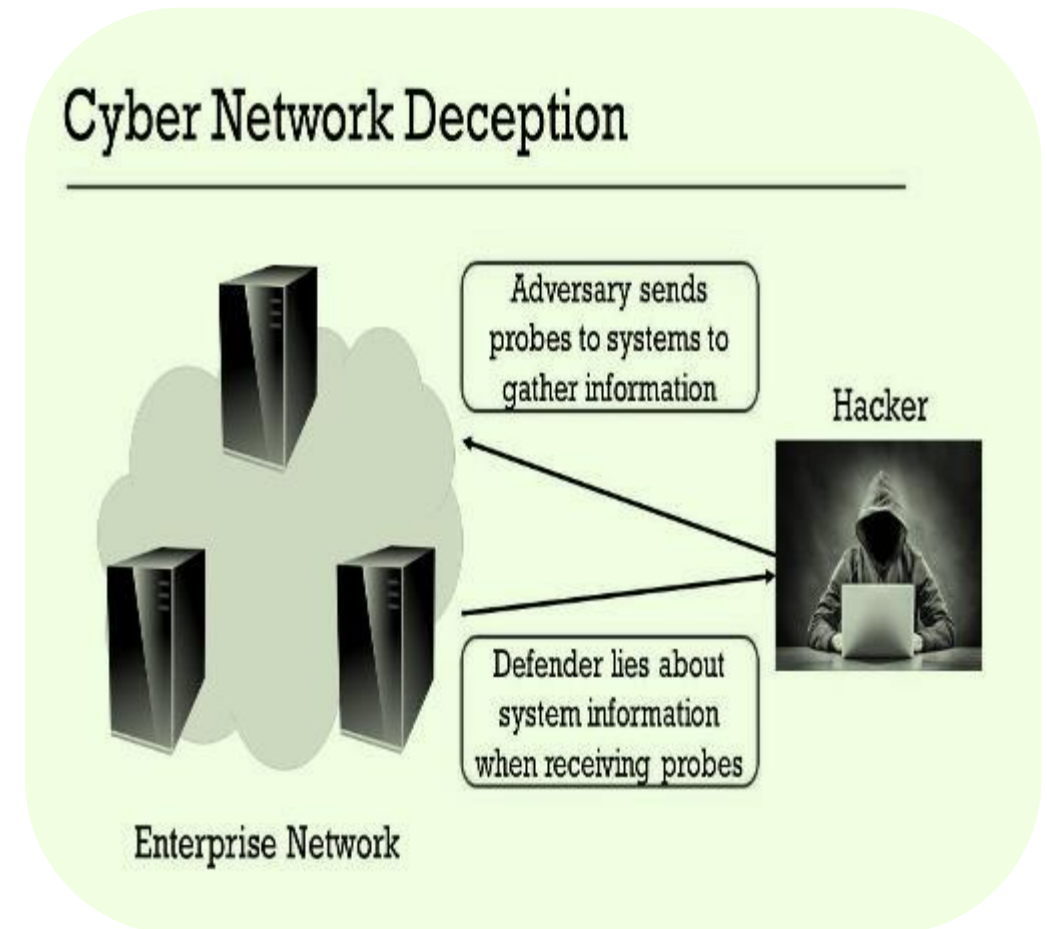


Sinha

- Threat Screening Games
(AAAI16, IJCAI17, IJCAI18...)



- Cyber Security Games
(IJCAI17, AAMAS18, CogSci18...)



Outline

Public Safety & Security: Stackelberg Security Games



Conservation/Wildlife Protection: Green Security Games

*Dr Andy Plumptre
Conservation Biology*

Public Health: Influence maximization/Game against nature

Poaching of Wildlife in Uganda

Limited Intervention (Ranger) Resources to Protect Forests

Snare or Trap



Wire snares



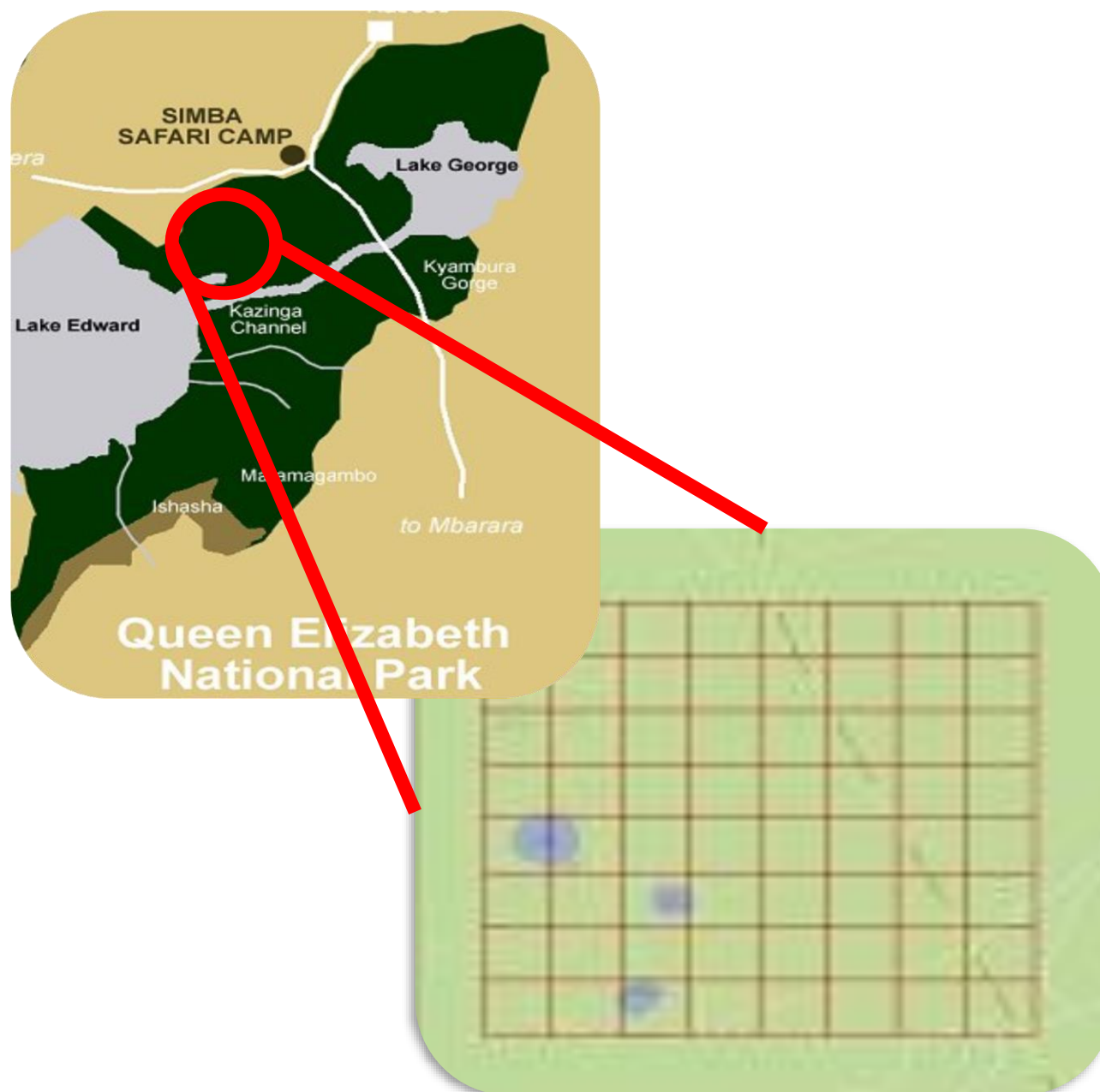
Green Security Games[2015]

Limited Ranger Resources to Protect Forests



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Adversary not fully strategic; multiple “bounded rational” poachers



$$\max_{x,q} \sum_{i \in X} \sum_{j \in Q} R_{ij} x_i q_j$$

Max defender utility

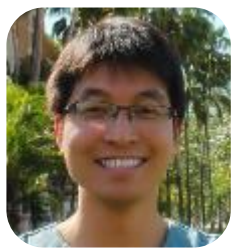
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Defender mixed strategy

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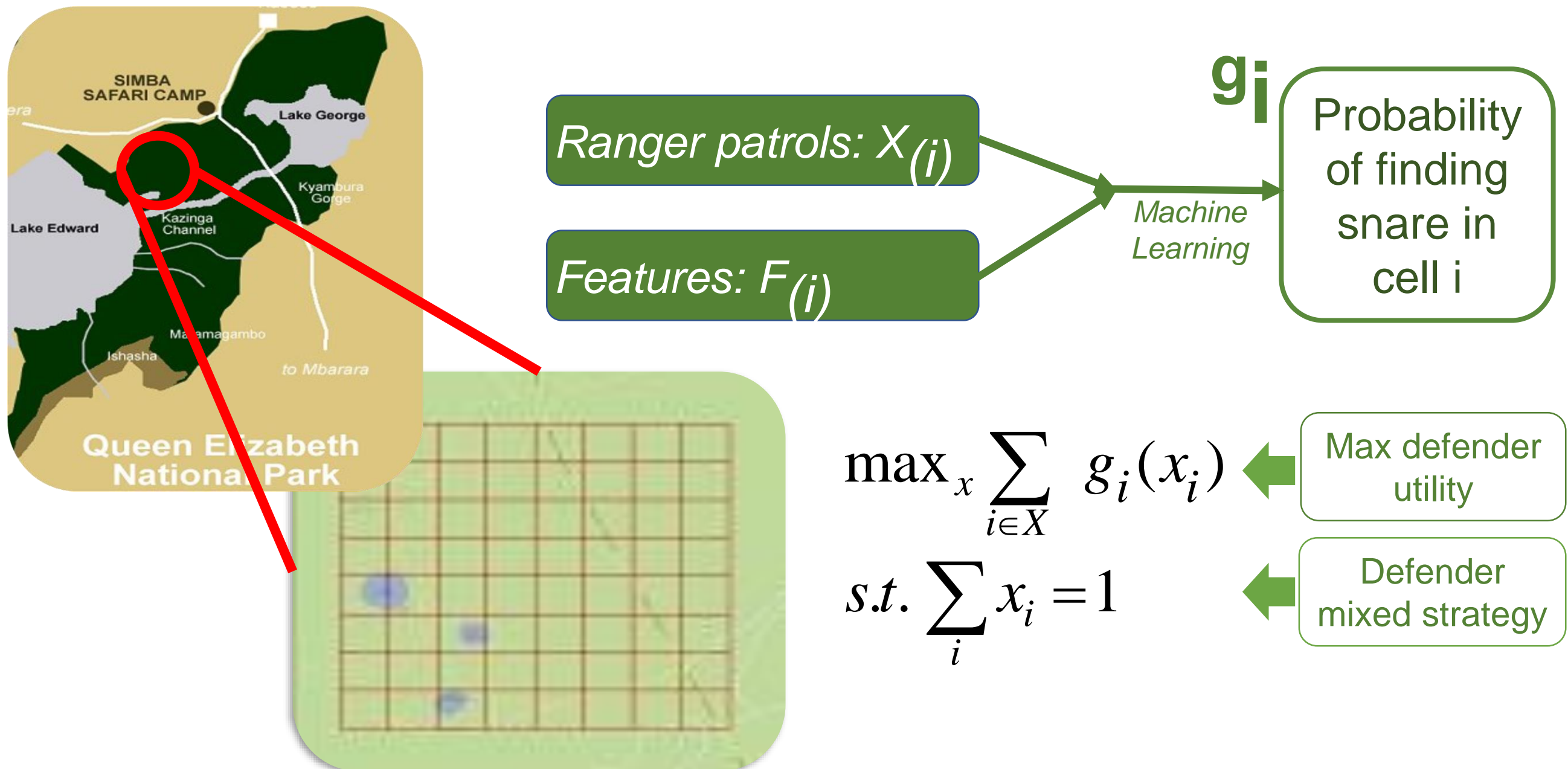
Green Security Games [2015]

Game Theory + Machine Learning Poacher Behavior



Xu

Learn adversary bounded rational response: At each grid **location i**

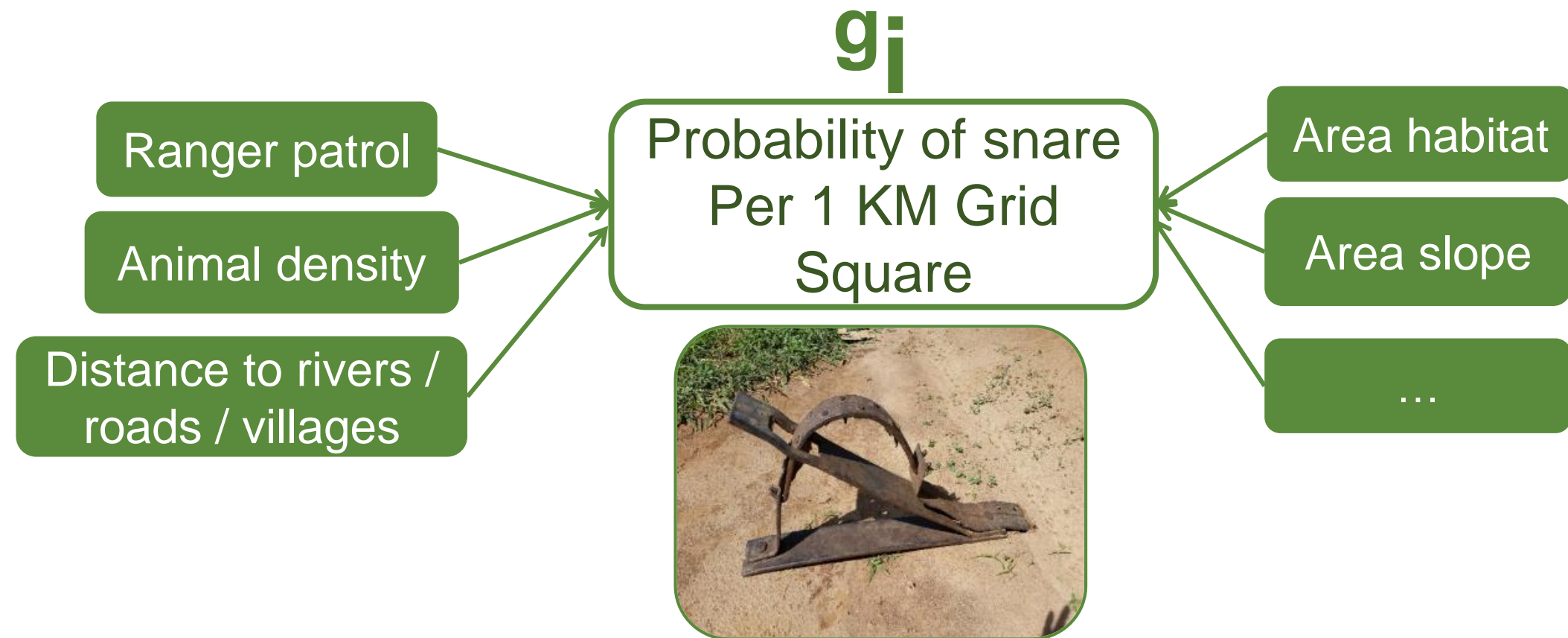


Learning Adversary Model

12 Years of Past Poaching Data



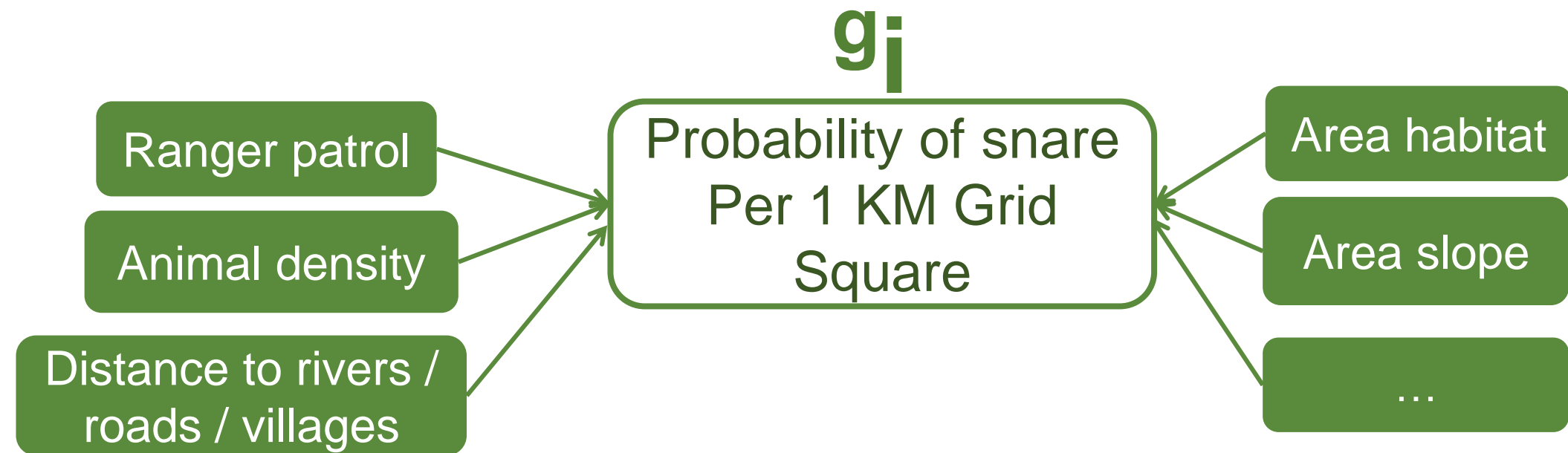
Nguyen



Learning Adversary Model Uncertainty in Observations



Nguyen

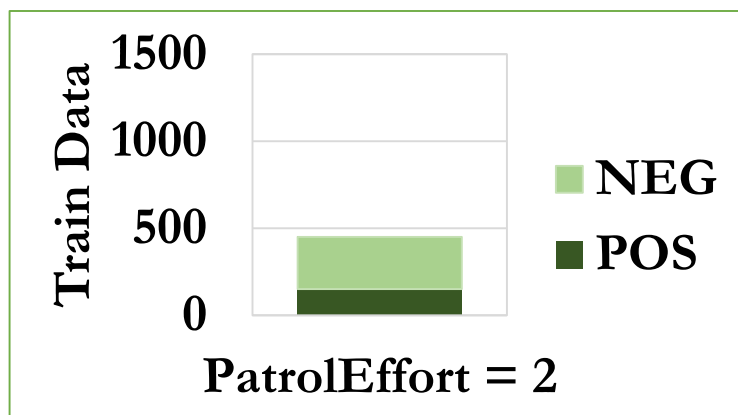
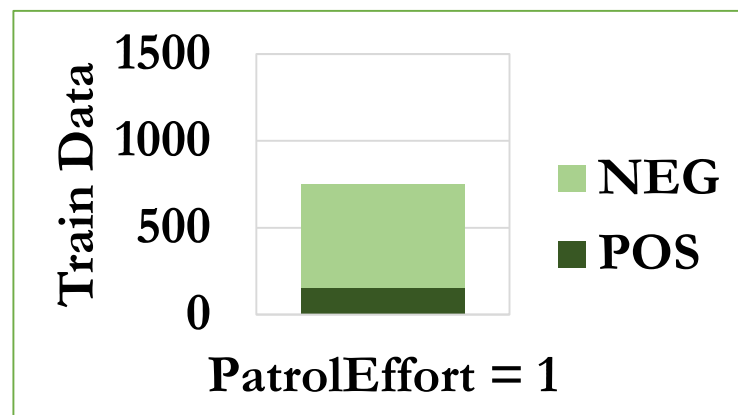
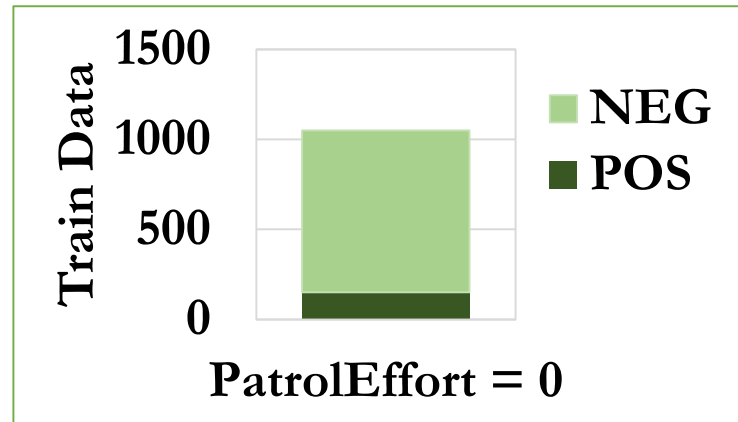


Adversary Modeling [2016]

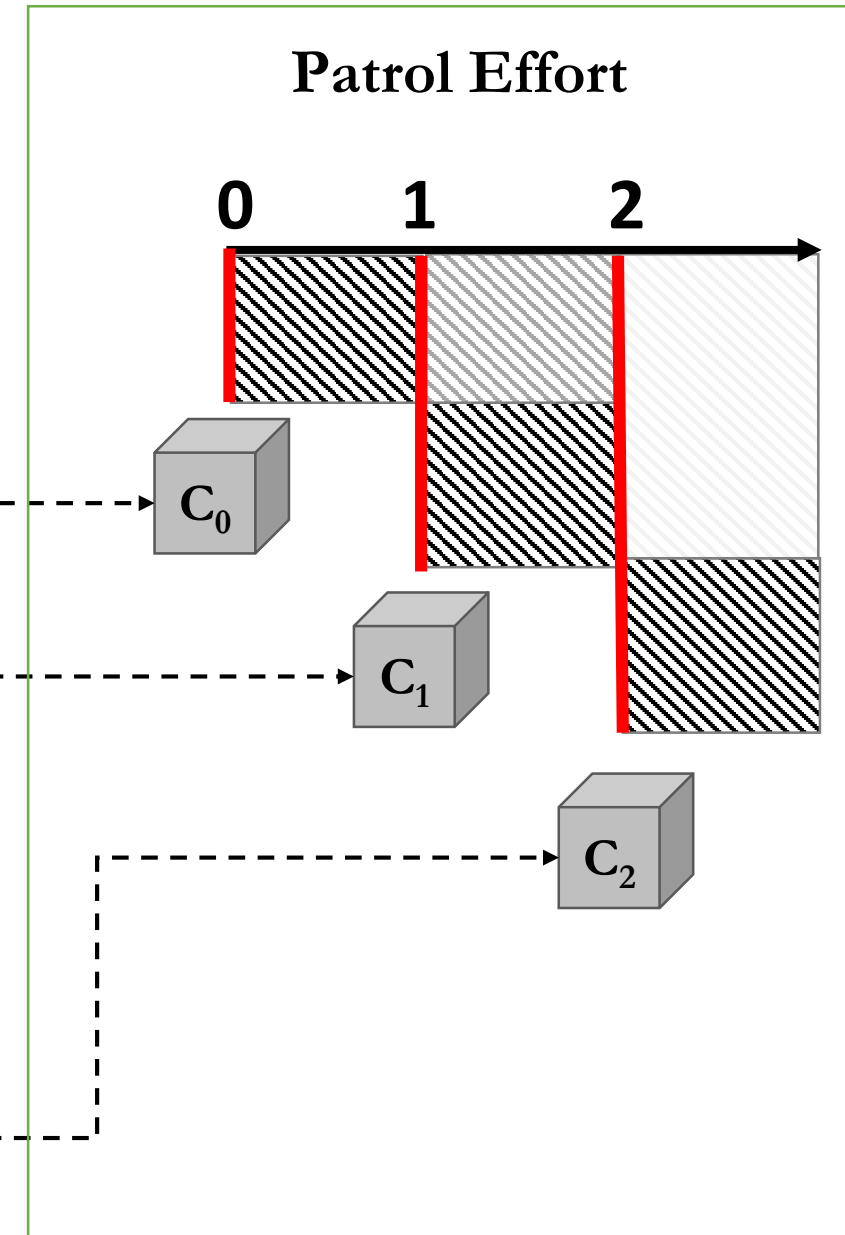
Imperfect Crime Observation-aware Ensemble Model



Training: Filtered Datasets



Predict: Ensemble of Classifiers



PAWS: Protection Assistant for Wildlife Security

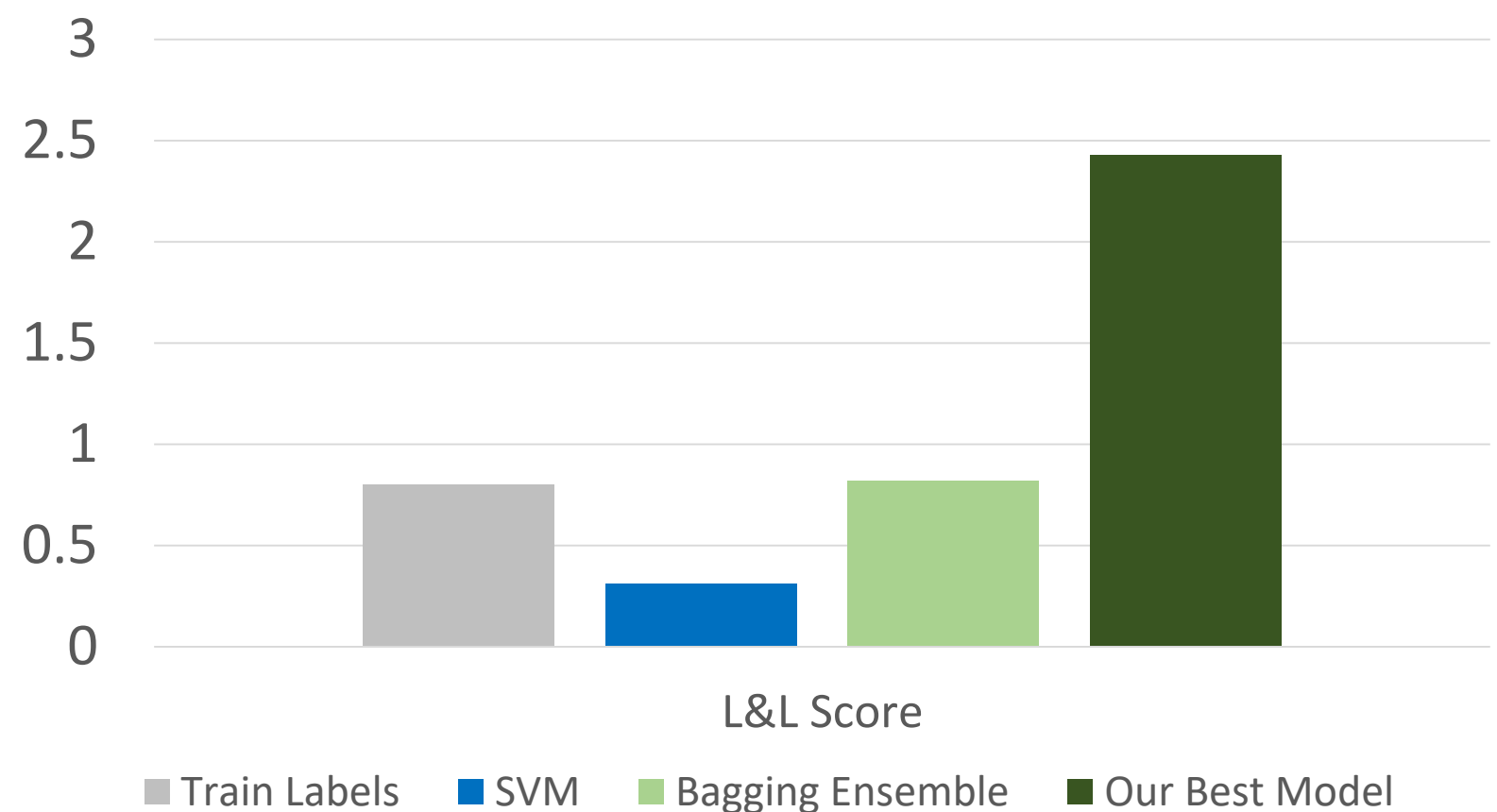
Poacher Attack Prediction in the Lab



Poacher Behavior Prediction



Results from 2016



PAWS: Real-world Deployment 2016: First Trial

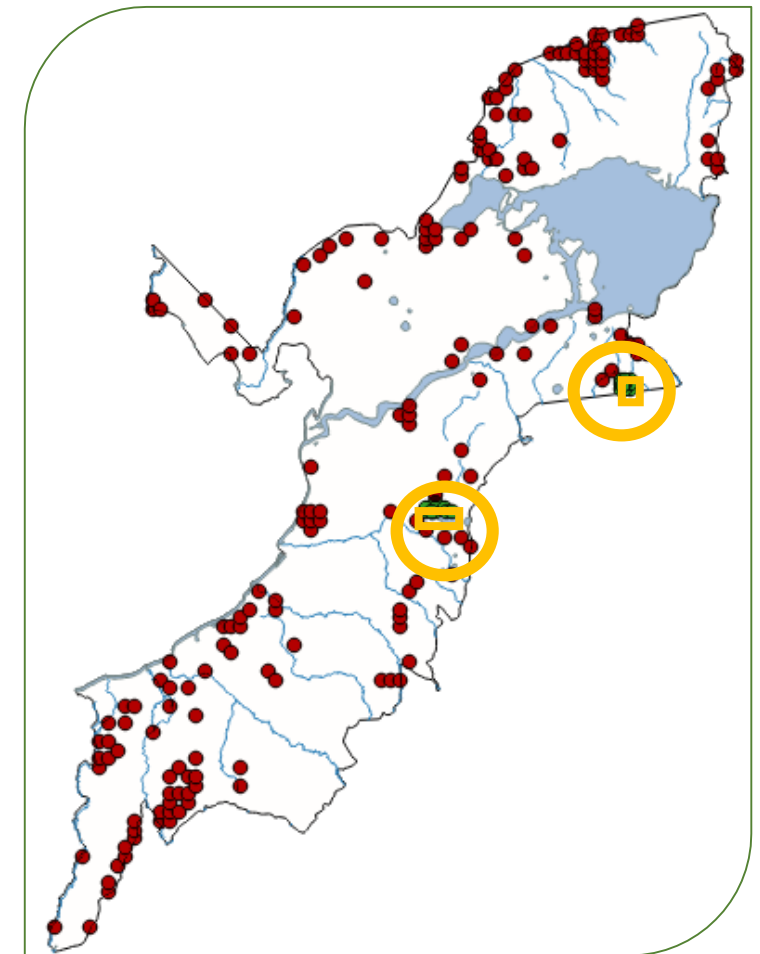
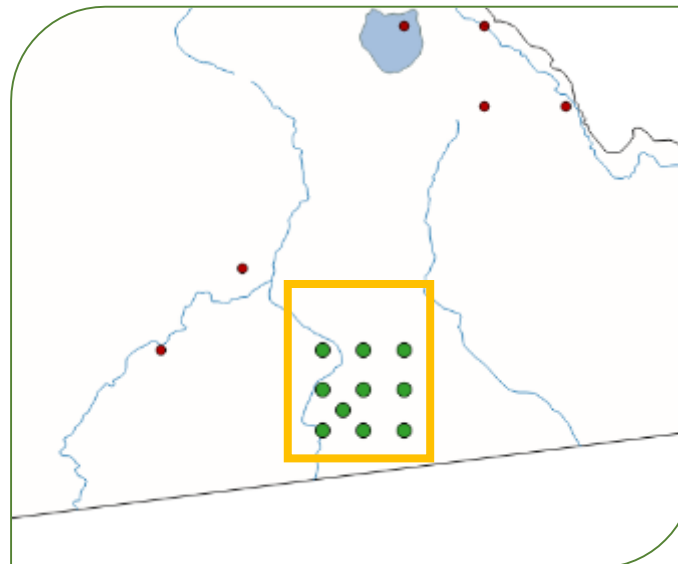
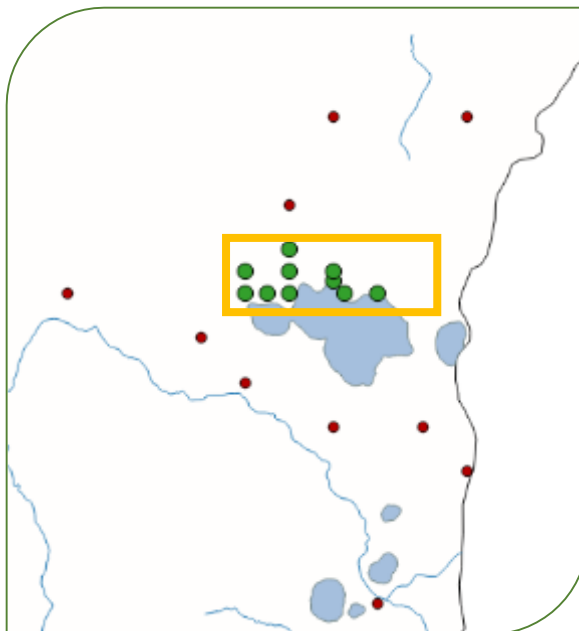


Ford



Gholami

- Two 9-sq. km patrol areas
 - Where there were infrequent patrols
 - Where no previous hot spots



PAWS Real-world Deployment

Two Hot Spots Predicted



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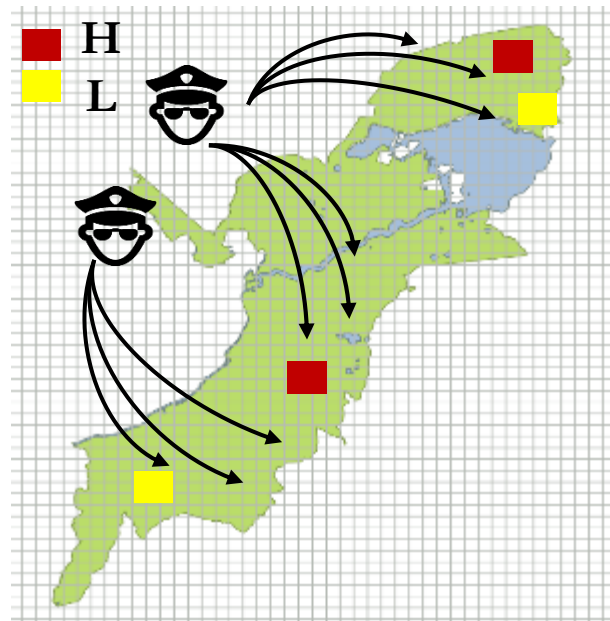


- Poached Animals: Poached elephant
- Snaring: 1 elephant snare roll
- Snaring: 10 Antelope snares



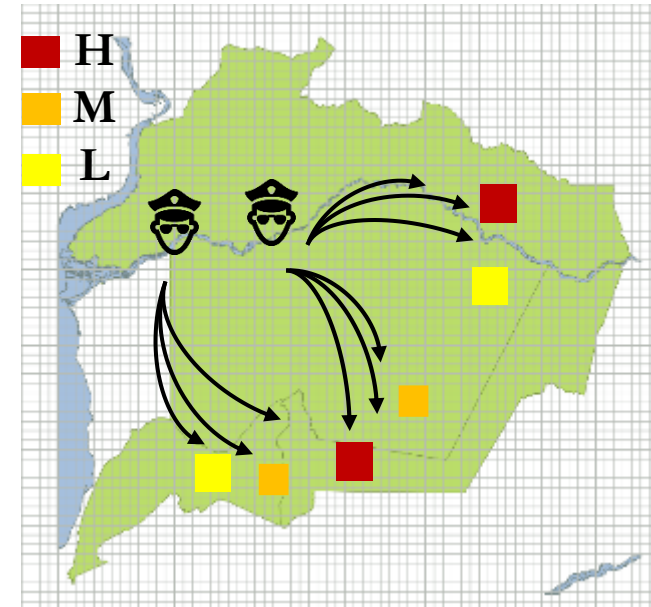
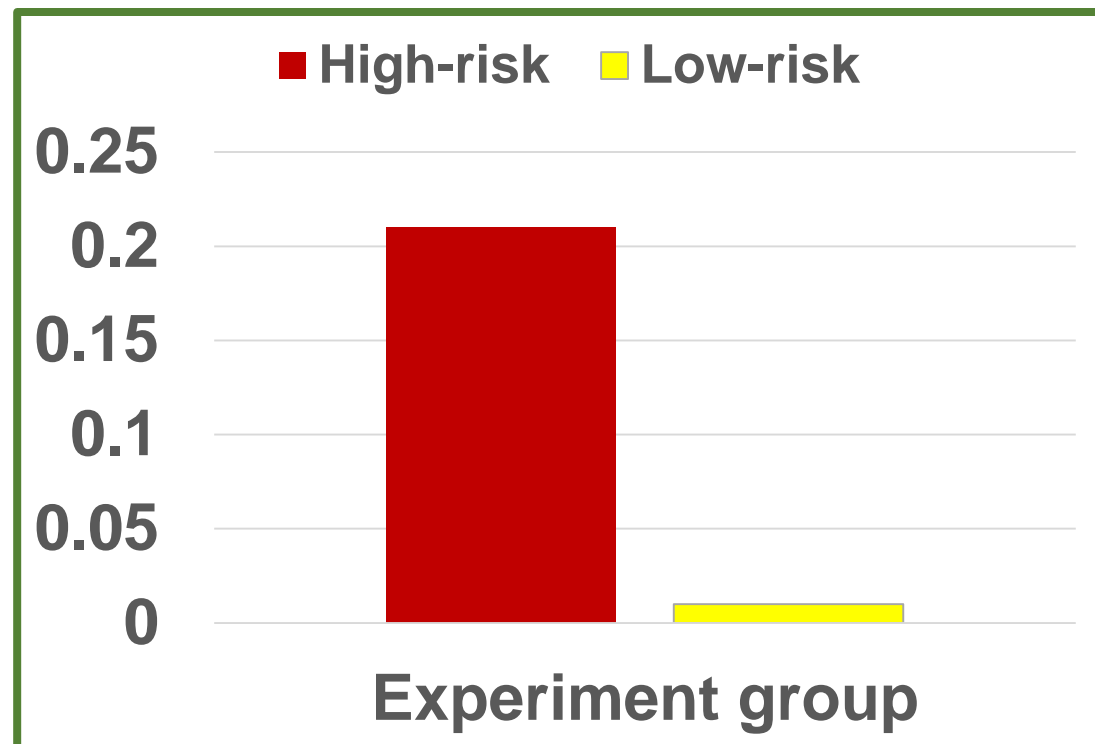
Historical Base Hit Rate	Our Hit Rate
Average: 0.73	3

PAWS Predicted High vs Low Risk Areas: 2 National Parks, 24 areas each, 6 months [2017]



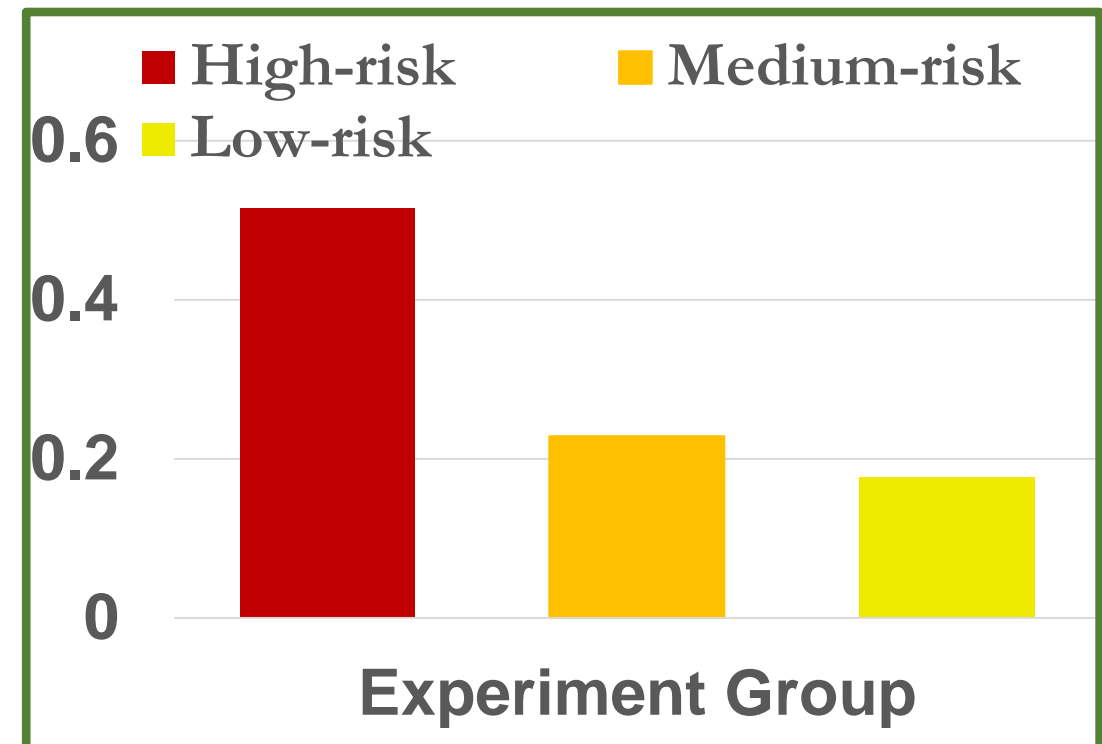
Queen Elizabeth National Park

Snares per patrolled sq. KM



Murchison Falls National Park

Snares per patrolled sq. KM



PAWS Real-world Deployment

Cambodia: Srepok Wildlife Sanctuary [2018-2019]



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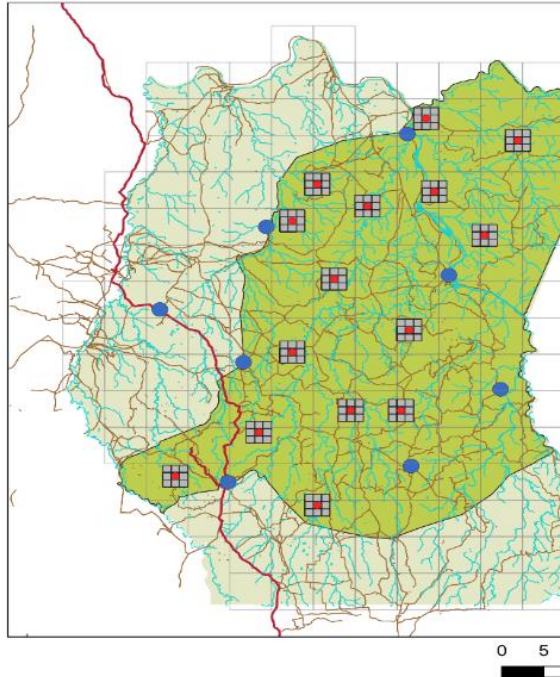
Srepok Wildlife Sanctuary has been identified as the most suitable site for **tiger reintroduction** in Southeast Asia.



PAWS Real-world Deployment Trials in Cambodia: Srepok National Park [2018-2019]



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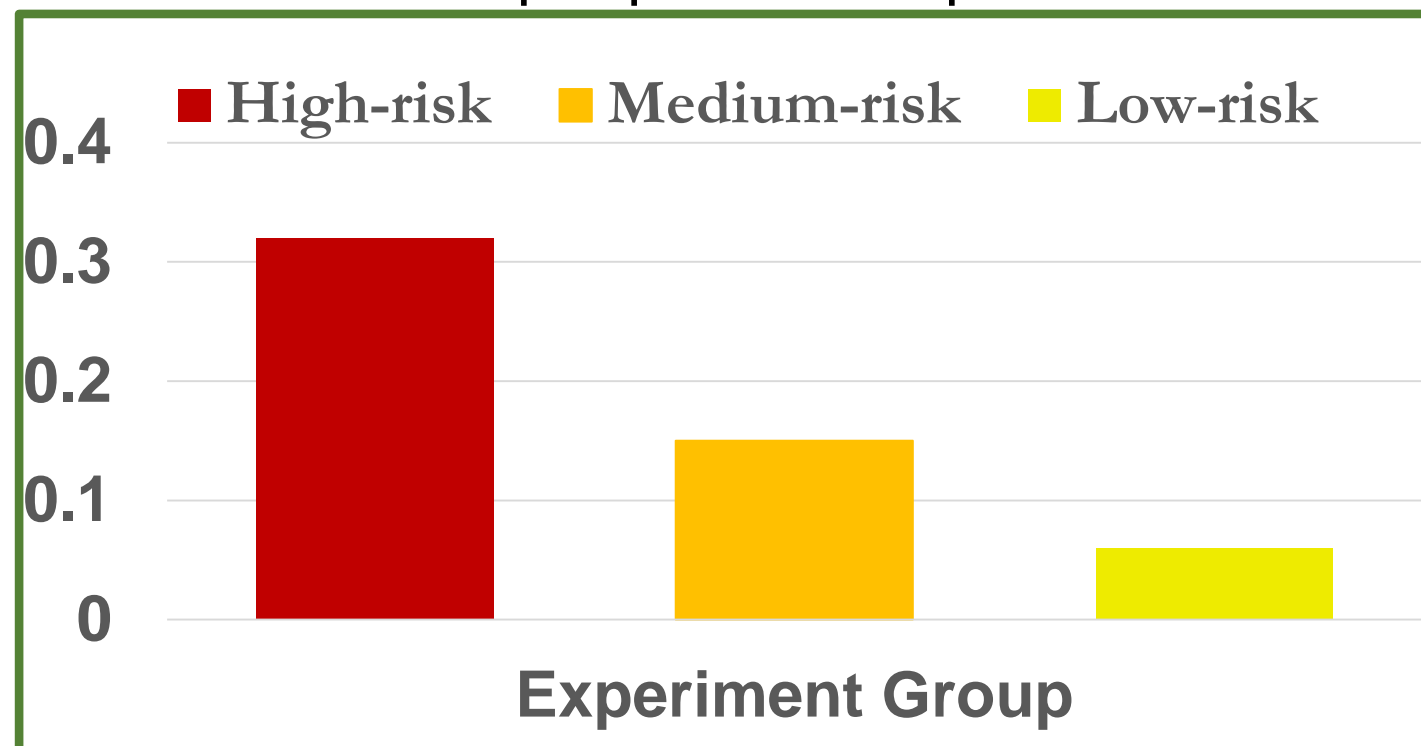
"@Milind: I am Super excited with the results. Let's get this going on other countries too this year." VS



■ 521 snares/month our tests
■ 101 snares/month 2018

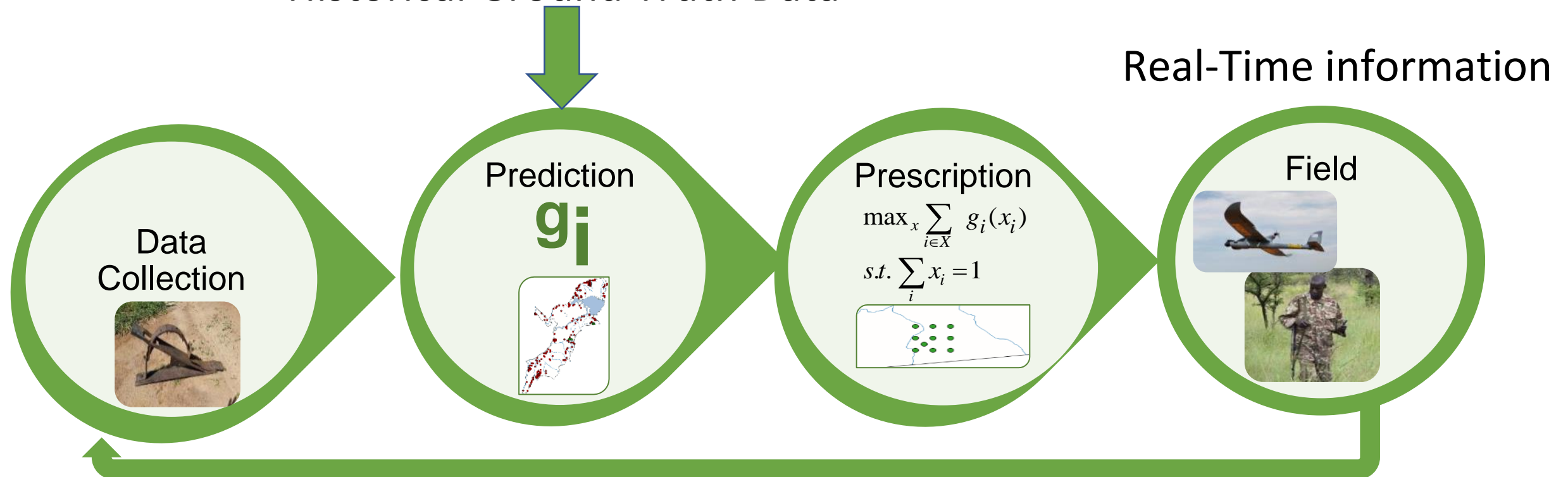
Rohit Singh, WWF (2019)

Snares per patrolled sq. KM



Green Security Games: Integrating Real-Time Information in the Pipeline

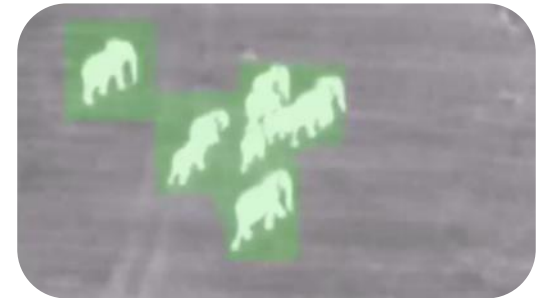
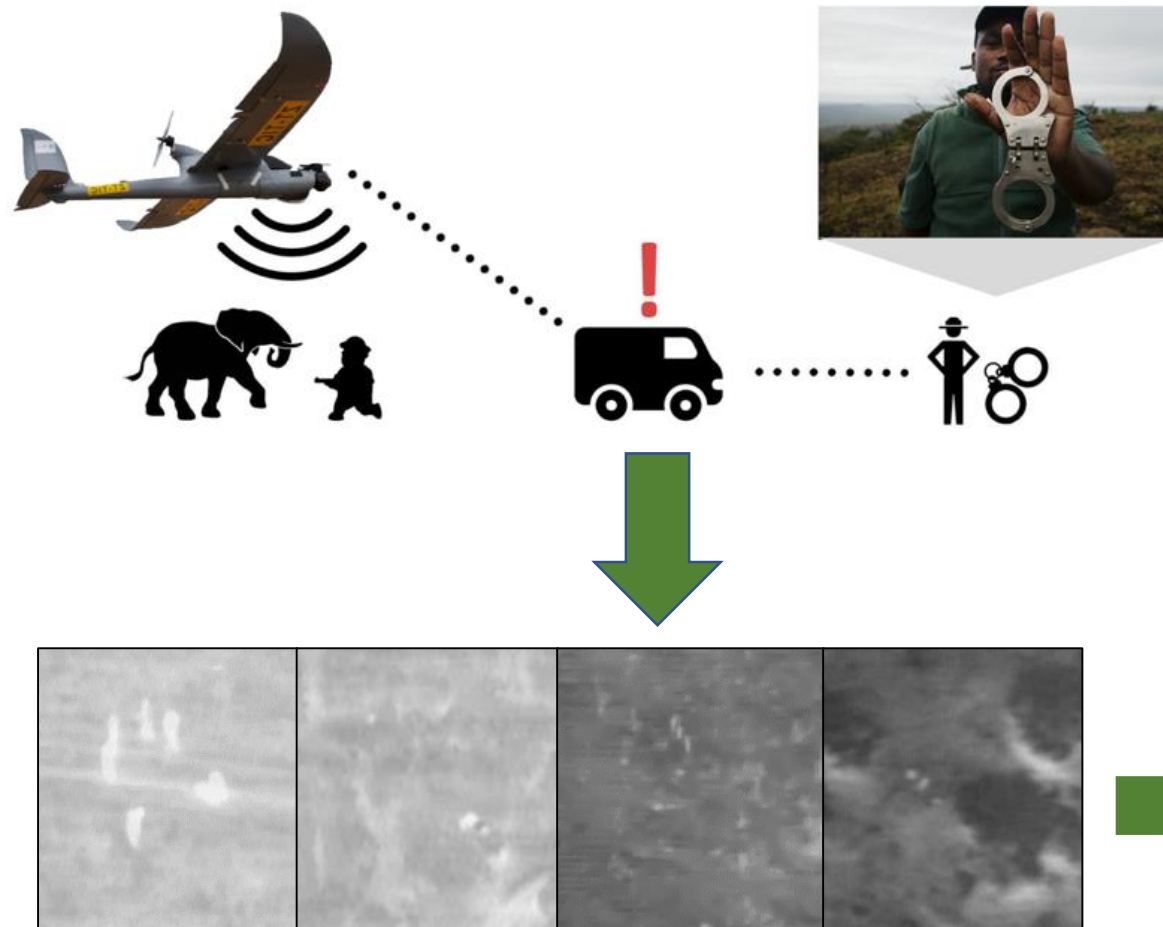
Learn predictions with
Historical Ground Truth Data



Green Security Games: Integrating Real-Time “SPOT” Information [2018]

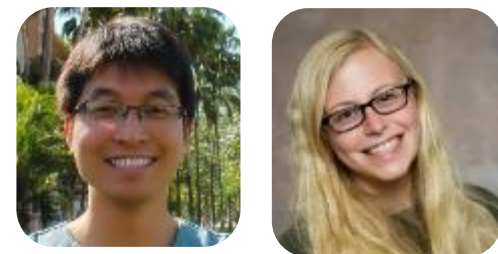


Bondi



Goal: automatically find poachers

Drone Used to Inform Rangers [2019]

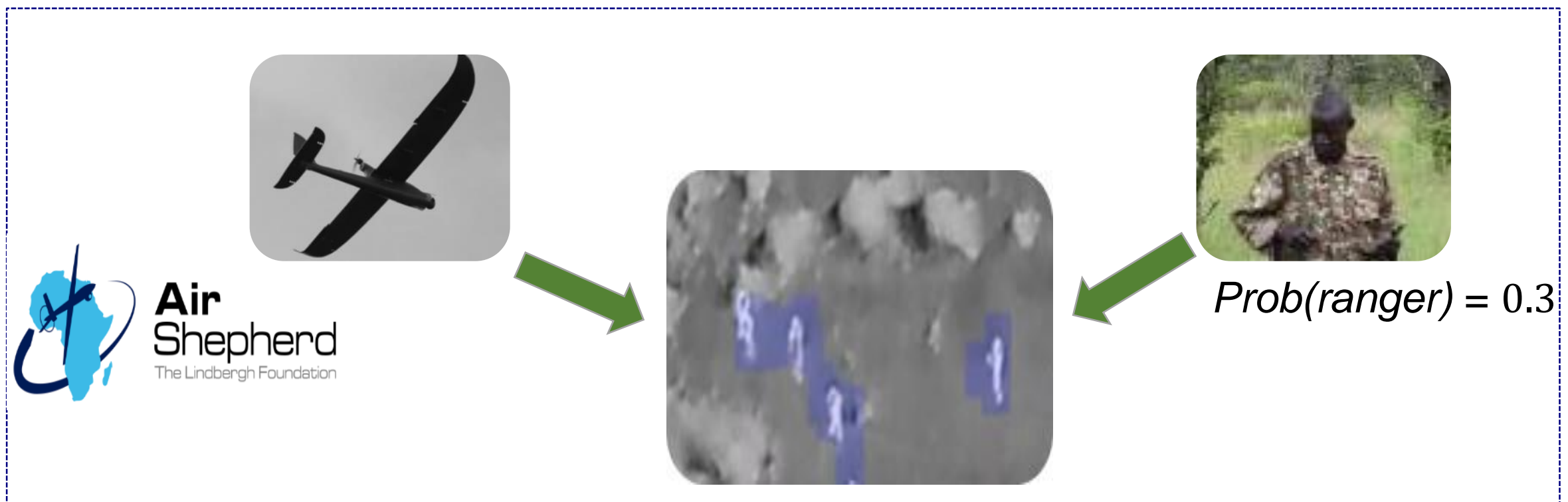


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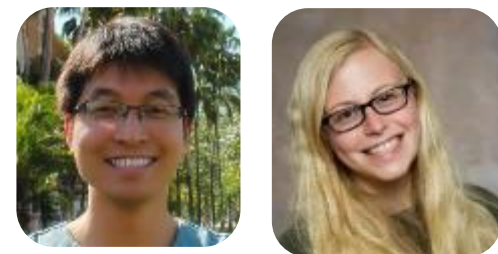


Bondi

- $Prob(ranger\ arrives) = 0.3$ [poacher may not be stopped]
- Deceptive signaling to indicate ranger is arriving



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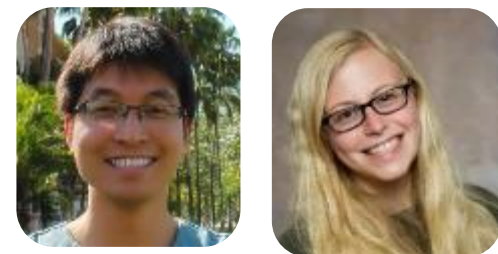
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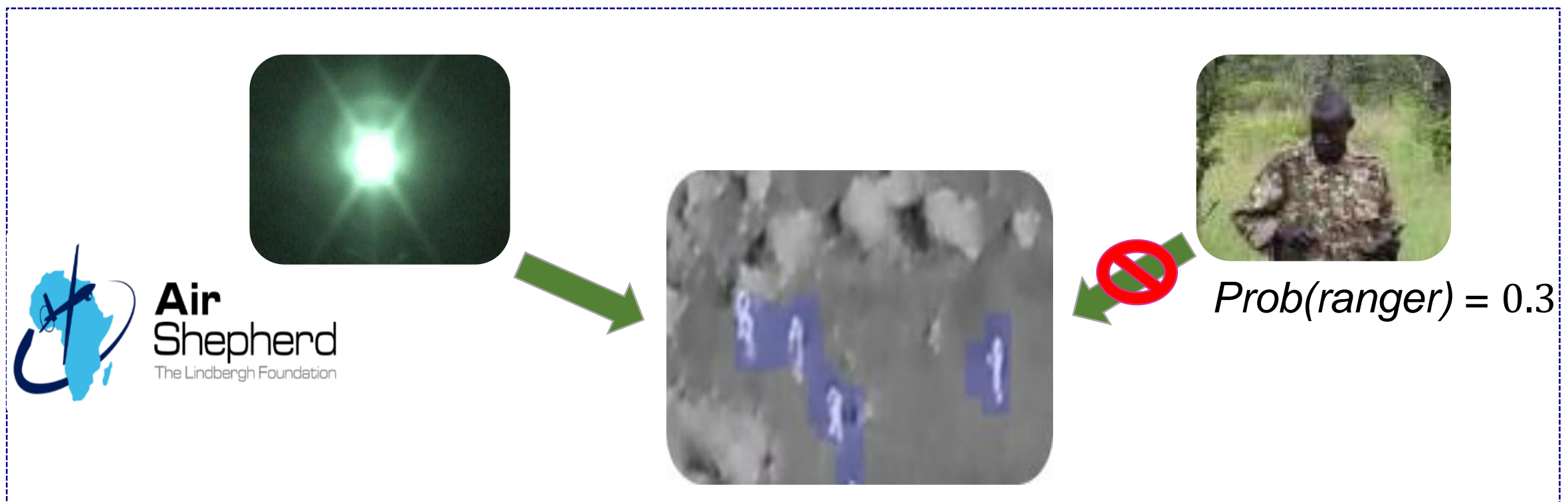
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- Deceptive signaling to indicate ranger is arriving
- Must be strategic in deceptive signaling



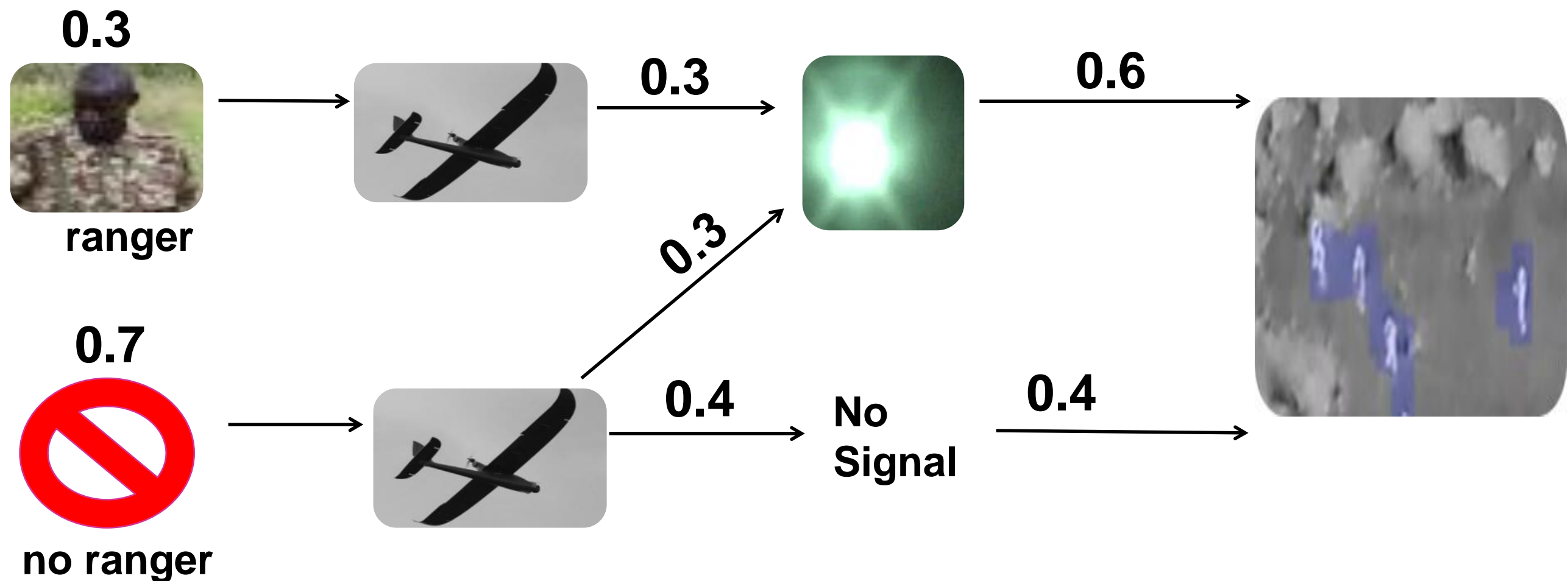
Strategic Signaling: Informational Advantage Defender Knows Pure & Mixed Strategy



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New Model: Stackelberg Security Games with Optimal Deceptive Signaling

- Poacher best interest to “believe signal” even if know 50% time defender is lying



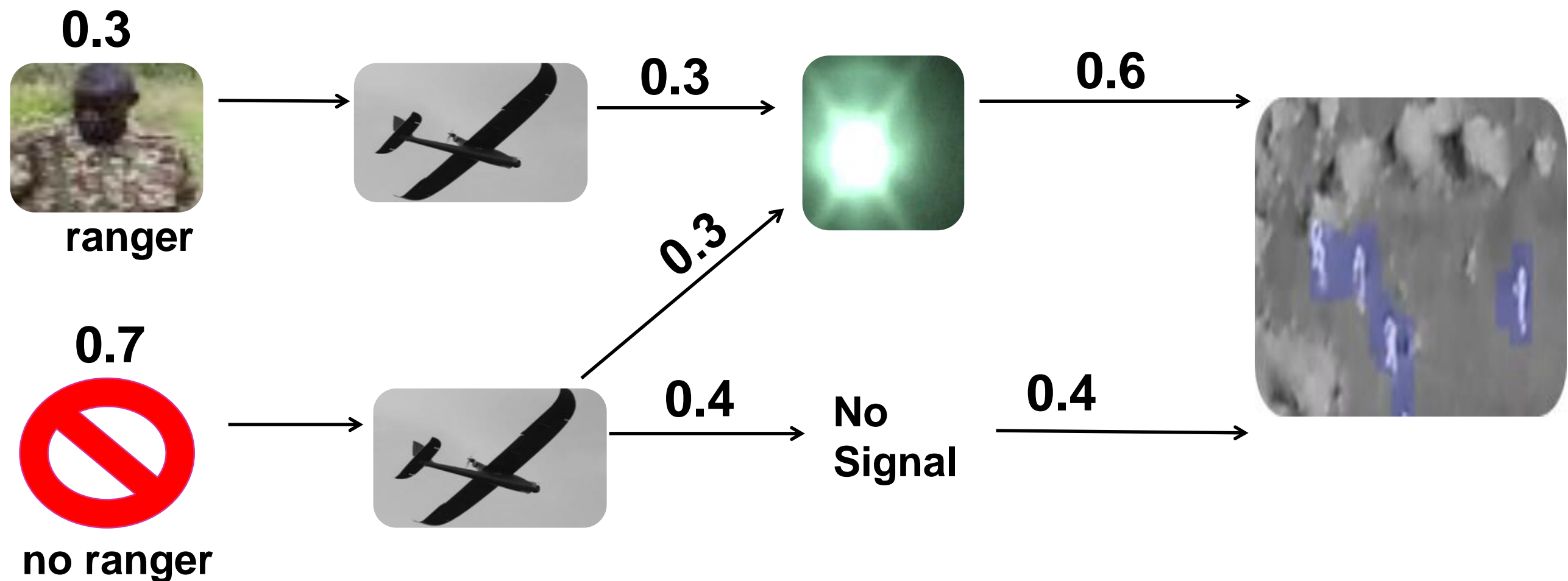
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Theorem: Signaling reduces complexity of equilibrium computation

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Green Security Games: Around the Globe with SMART partnership [2019]



**Protect Wildlife
600
National Parks
Around the Globe**

Also: Protect Forests, Fisheries...

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Public Health: Game against nature

*Prof Eric Rice
Social Work*

Public Health

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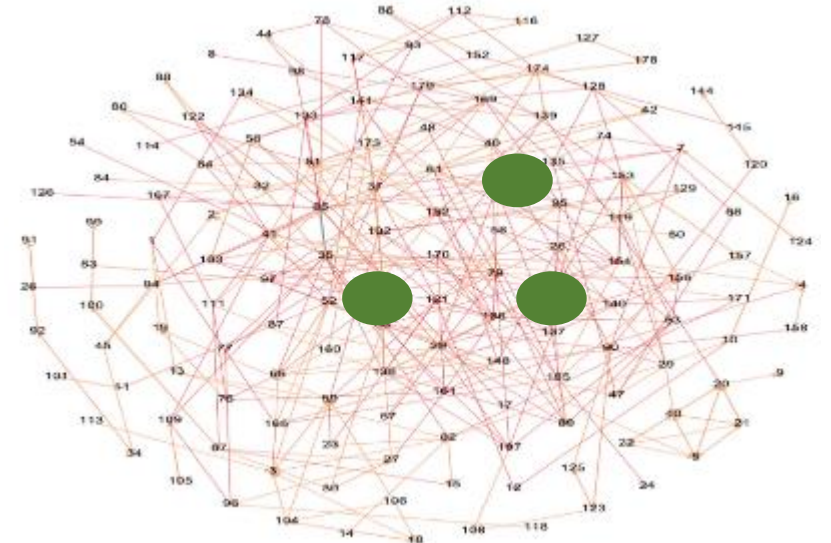
Preventing HIV in homeless youth: Rates of HIV 10 times housed population

- **Shelters:** Limited number of peer leaders to spread HIV information in social networks
- “Real” social networks gathered from observations in the field; not facebook etc

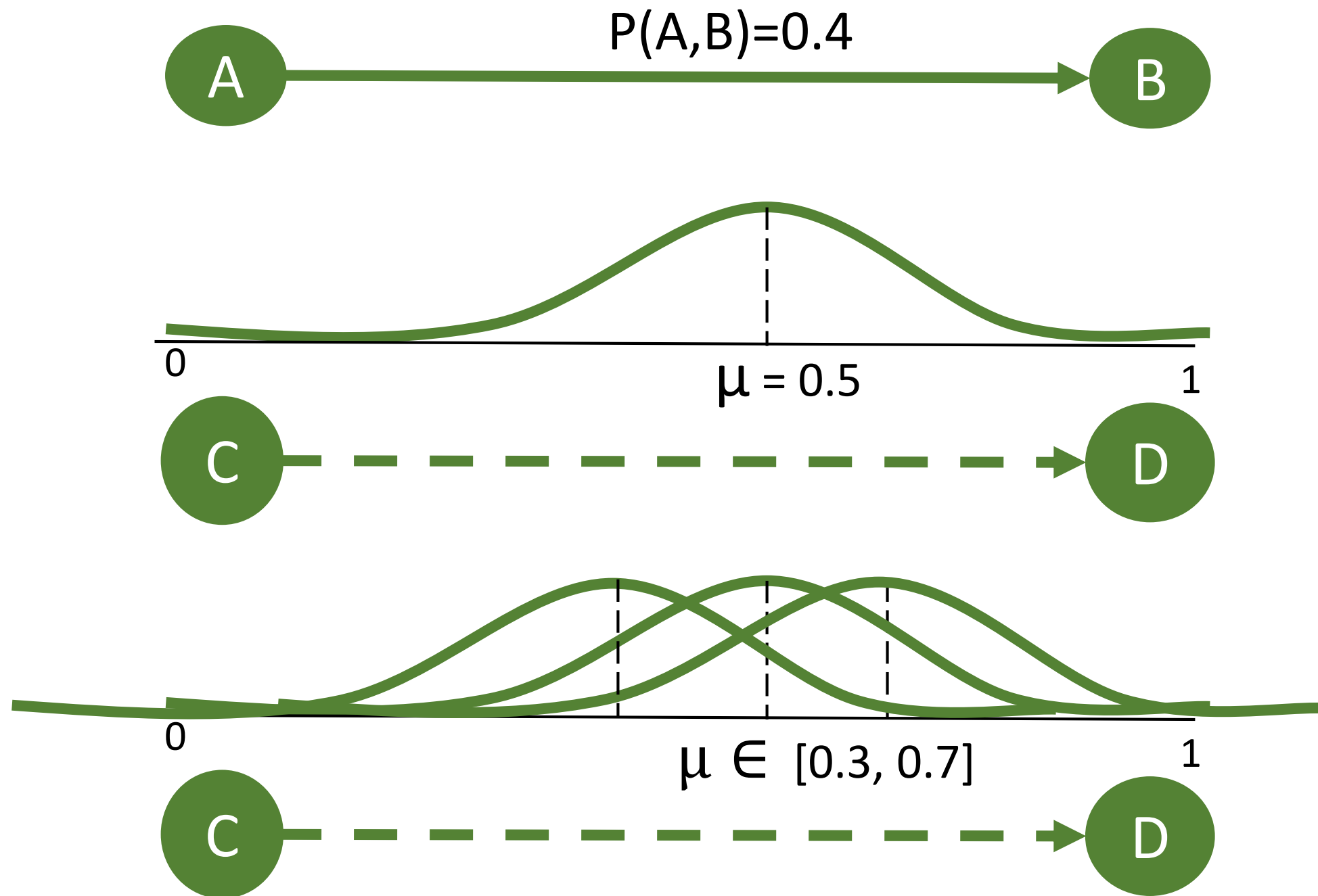


Influence Maximization Background

- Given:
 - Social network Graph G
 - Choose K “peer leader” nodes
- Objective:
 - Maximize expected number of influenced nodes
- *Assumption: Independent cascade model of information spread*



Independent Cascade Model and Real-world Physical Social Networks





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Robust, Dynamic Influence Maximization

- Worst case parameters: a zero-sum game against nature

Algorithm

Chooses policy, i.e.,
Chooses Peer leaders

vs

Nature

Chooses parameters
 μ, σ

- Payoffs: (performance of algorithm)/OPT

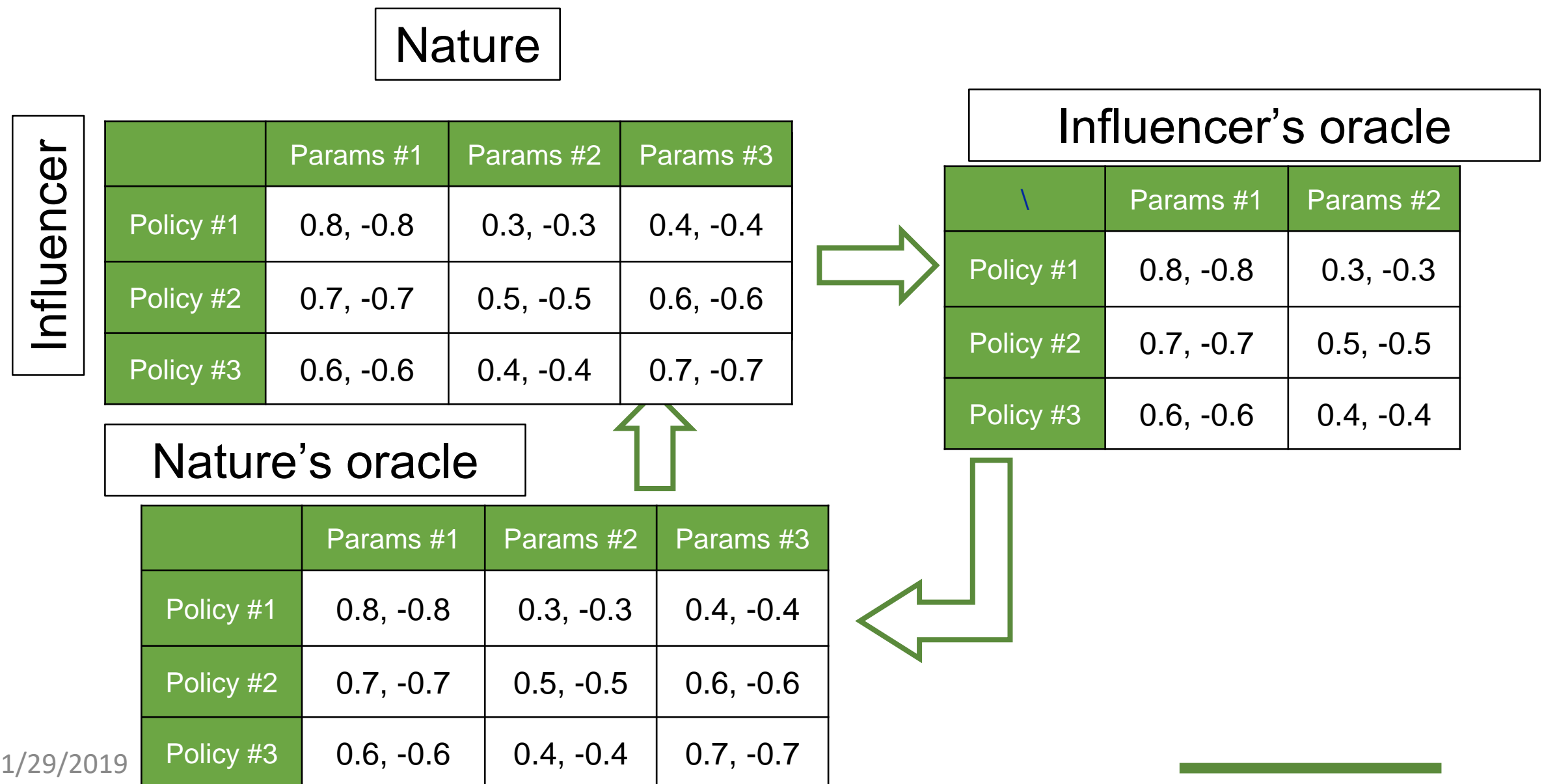
HEALER Algorithm [2017]

Robust, Dynamic Influence Maximization



Theorem: Converge with approximation guarantees

- Equilibrium strategy despite exponential strategy spaces: Double oracle



Challenge: Multi-step Policy



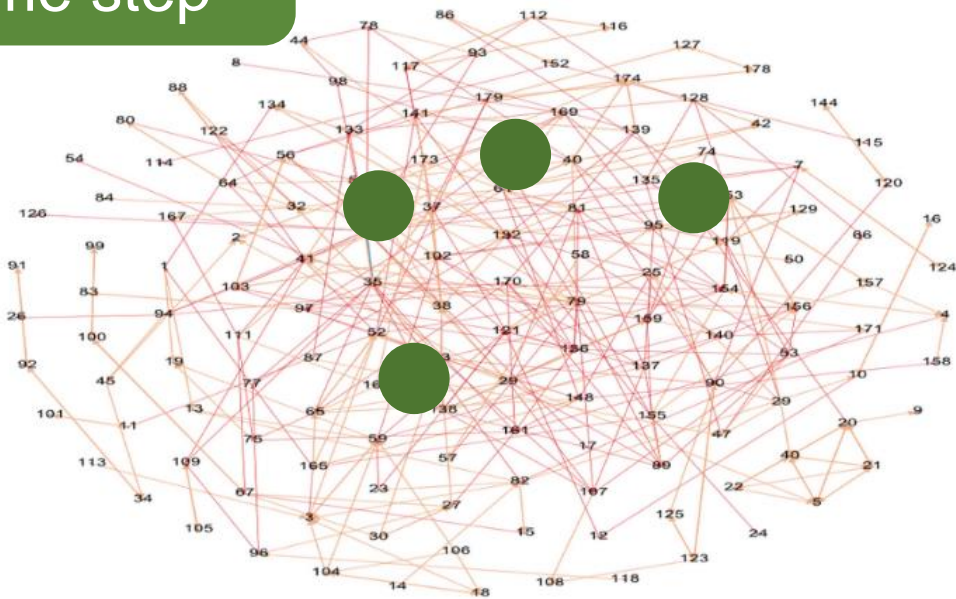
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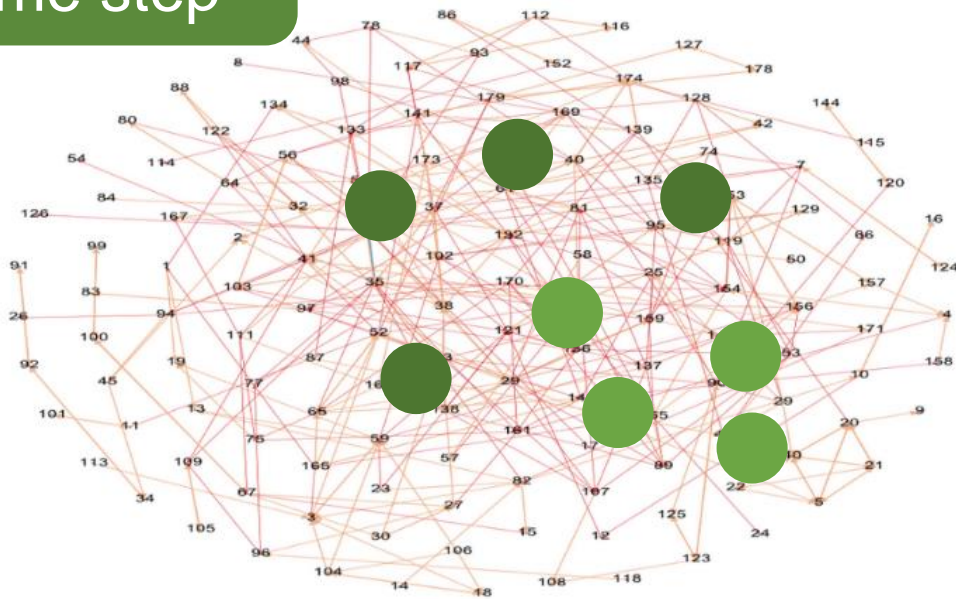
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Policy #2	0.7, -0.7	0.5, -0.5	0.6, -0.6
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K = 4
1st time step



K = 4
2nd time step

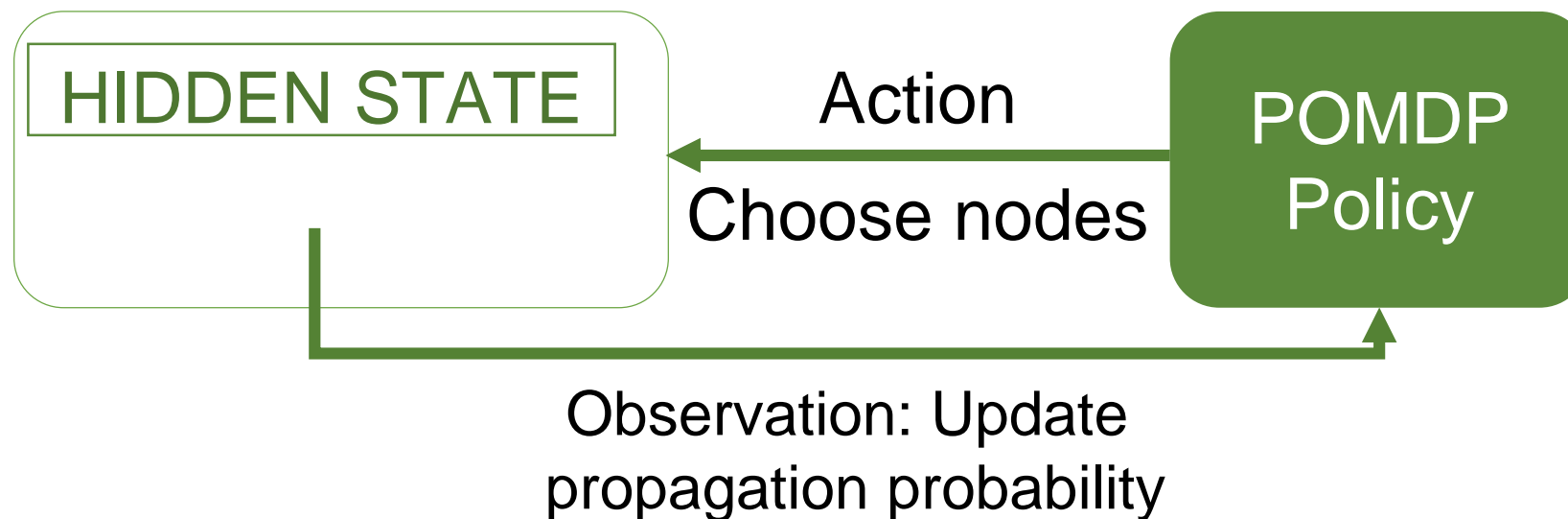
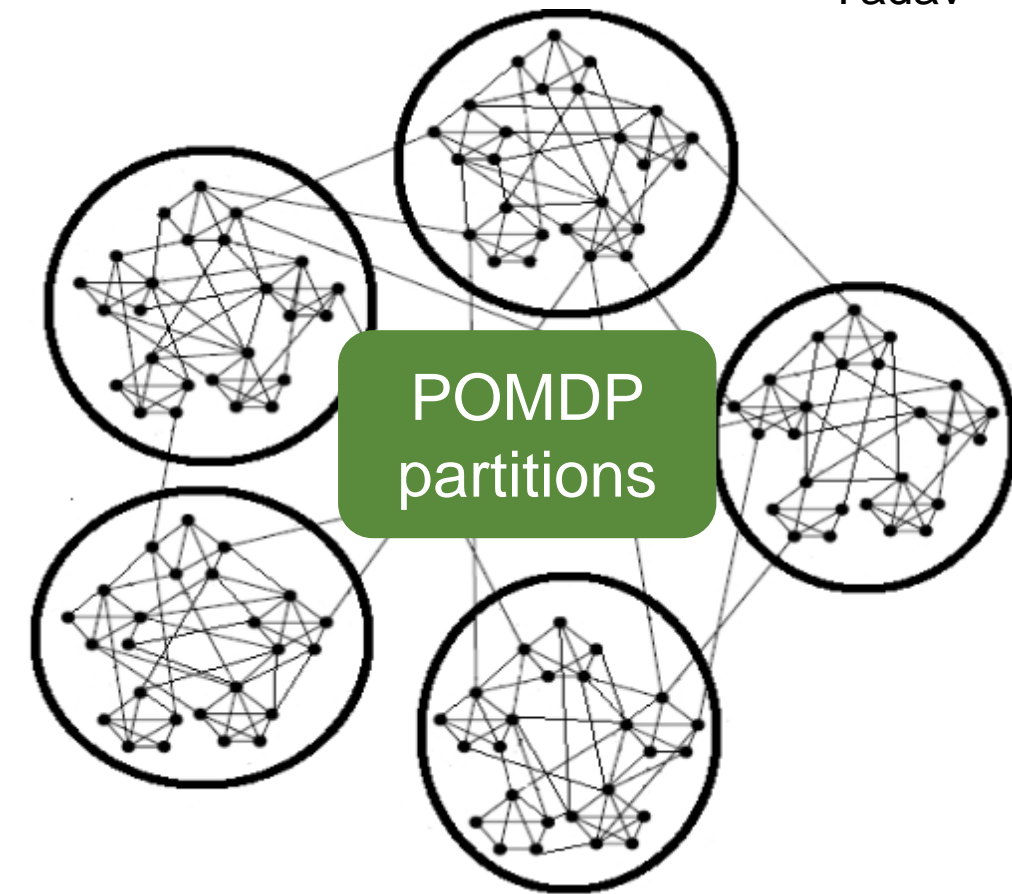


HEALER: POMDP Model for Multi-Step Policy Robust, Dynamic Influence Maximization



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Pilot Tests with HEALER with 170 Homeless Youth [2017]



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Recruited youths:

HEALER	HEALER++	DEGREE CENTRALITY
62	56	55

12 peer leaders



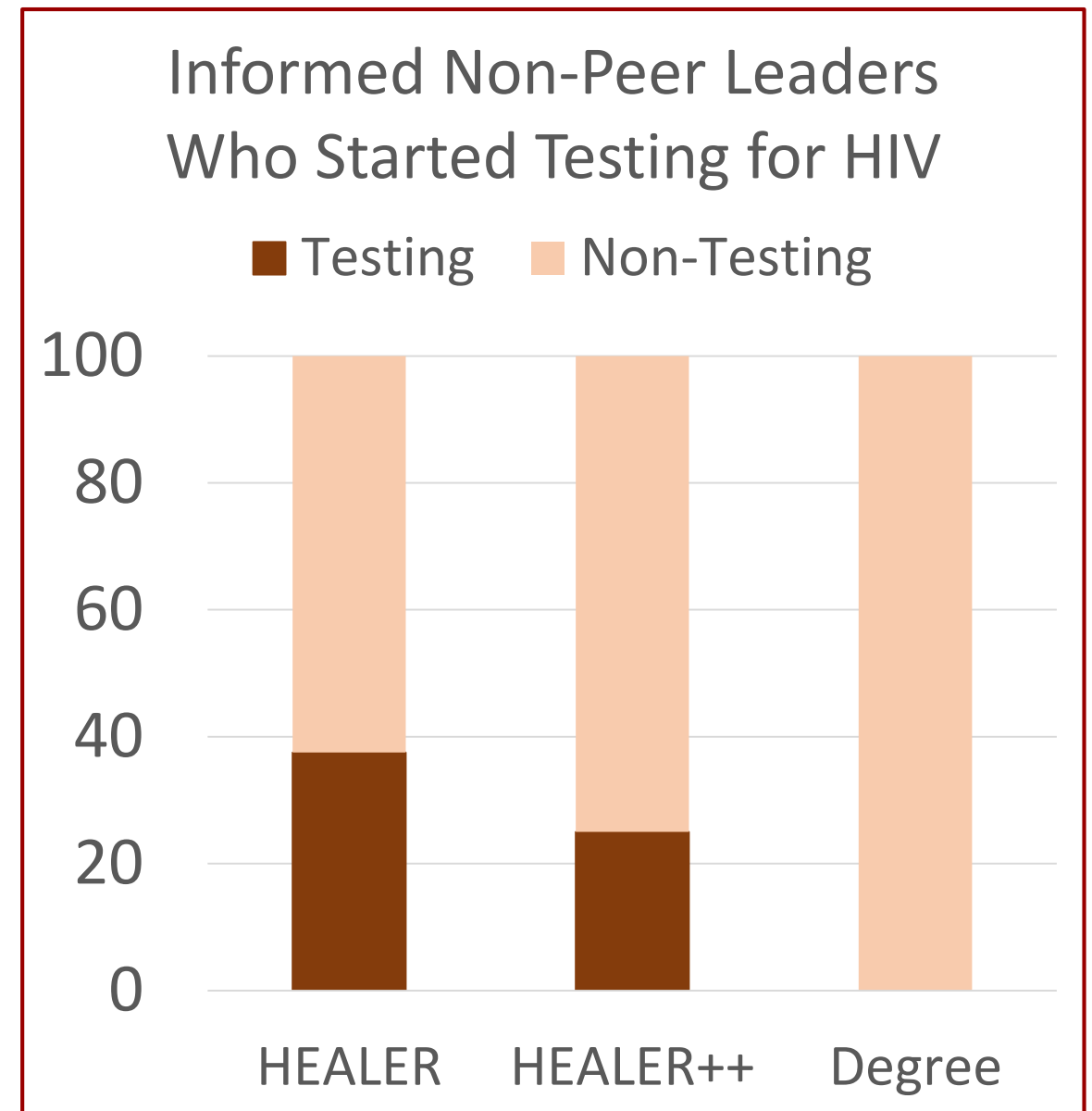
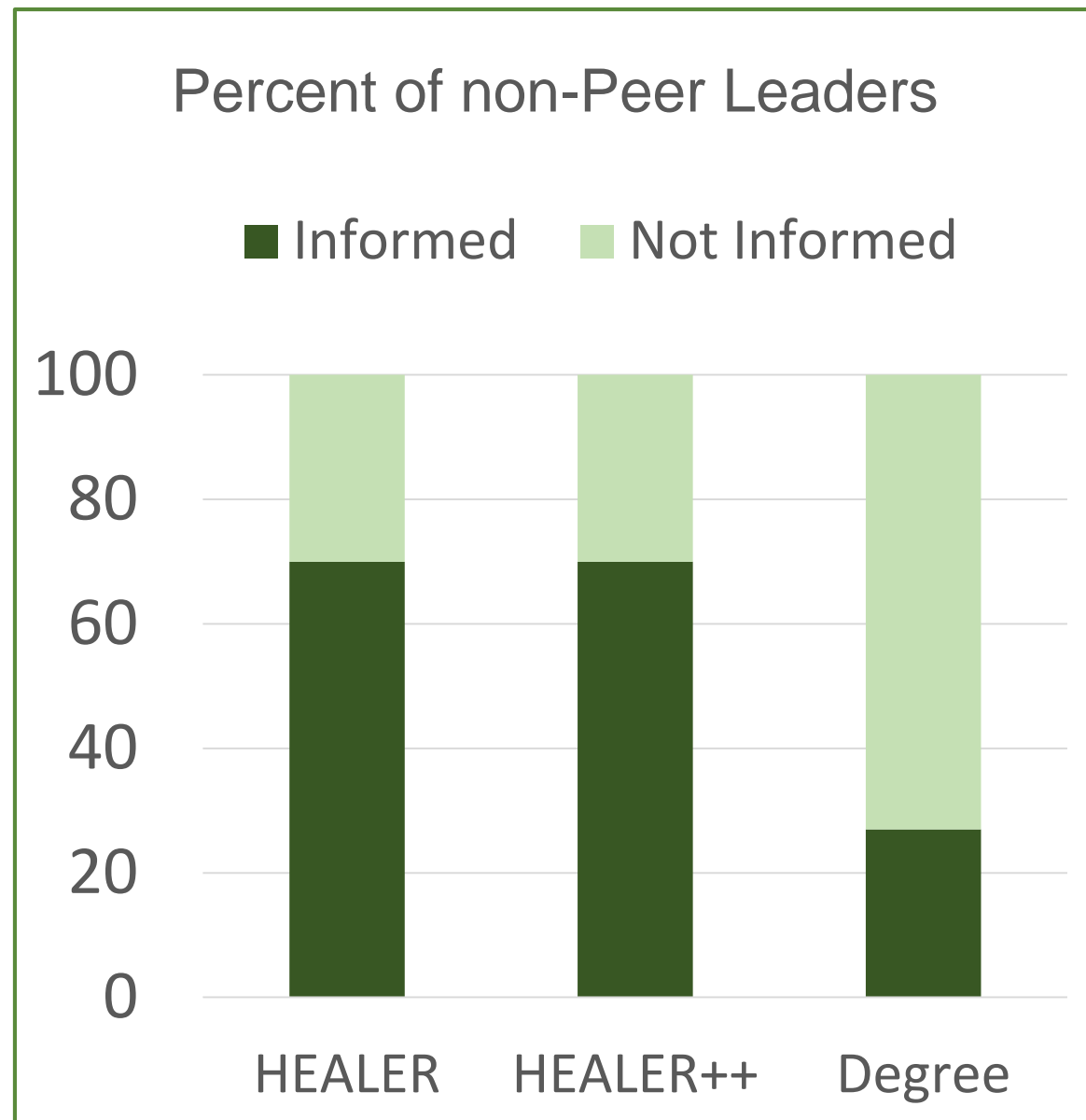
Results: Pilot Studies [2017]



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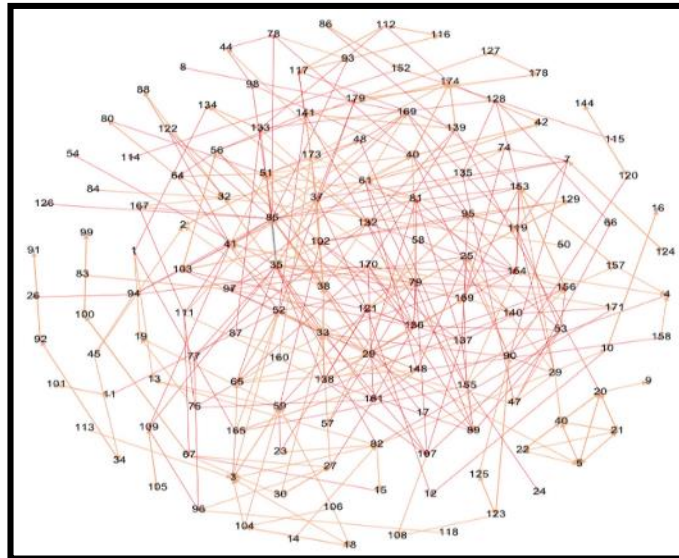
More details: Journal of Society of Social Work & Research (Nov 2018)

Practical Network Sampling: Avoid Data Collection Bottleneck

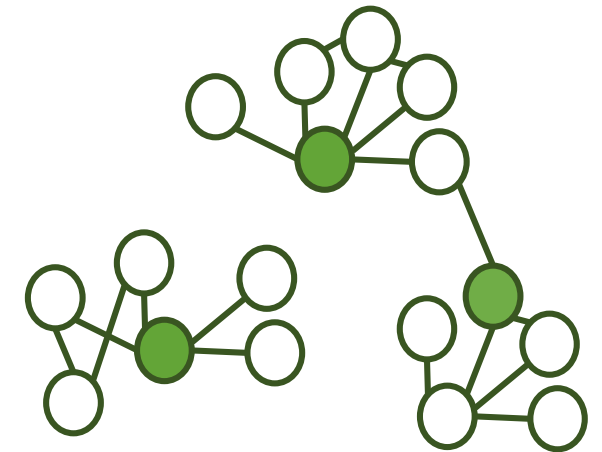
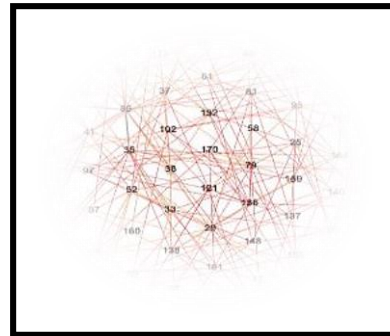


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Data collection costly



Sample 18%



Sampling from largest
communities

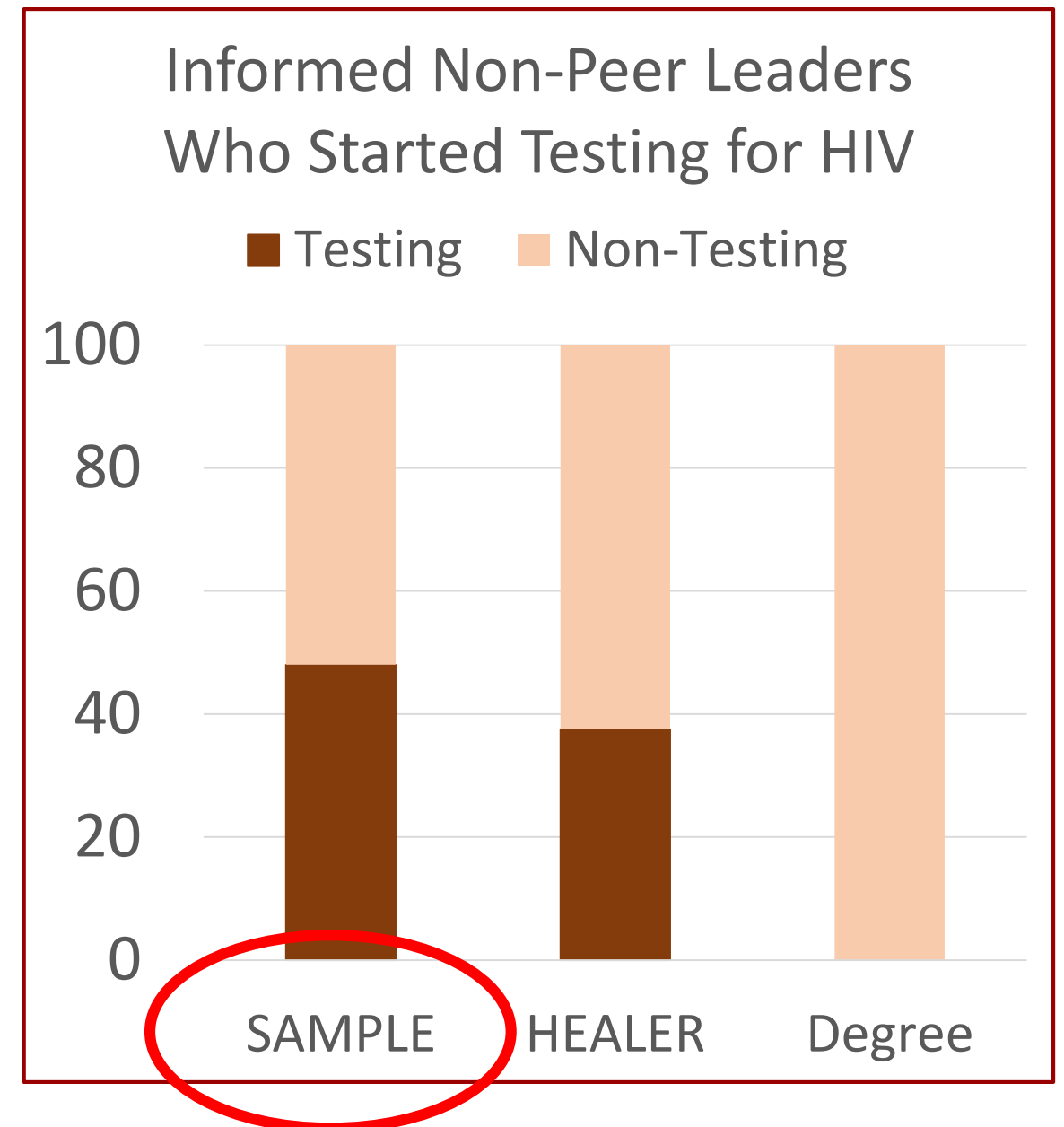
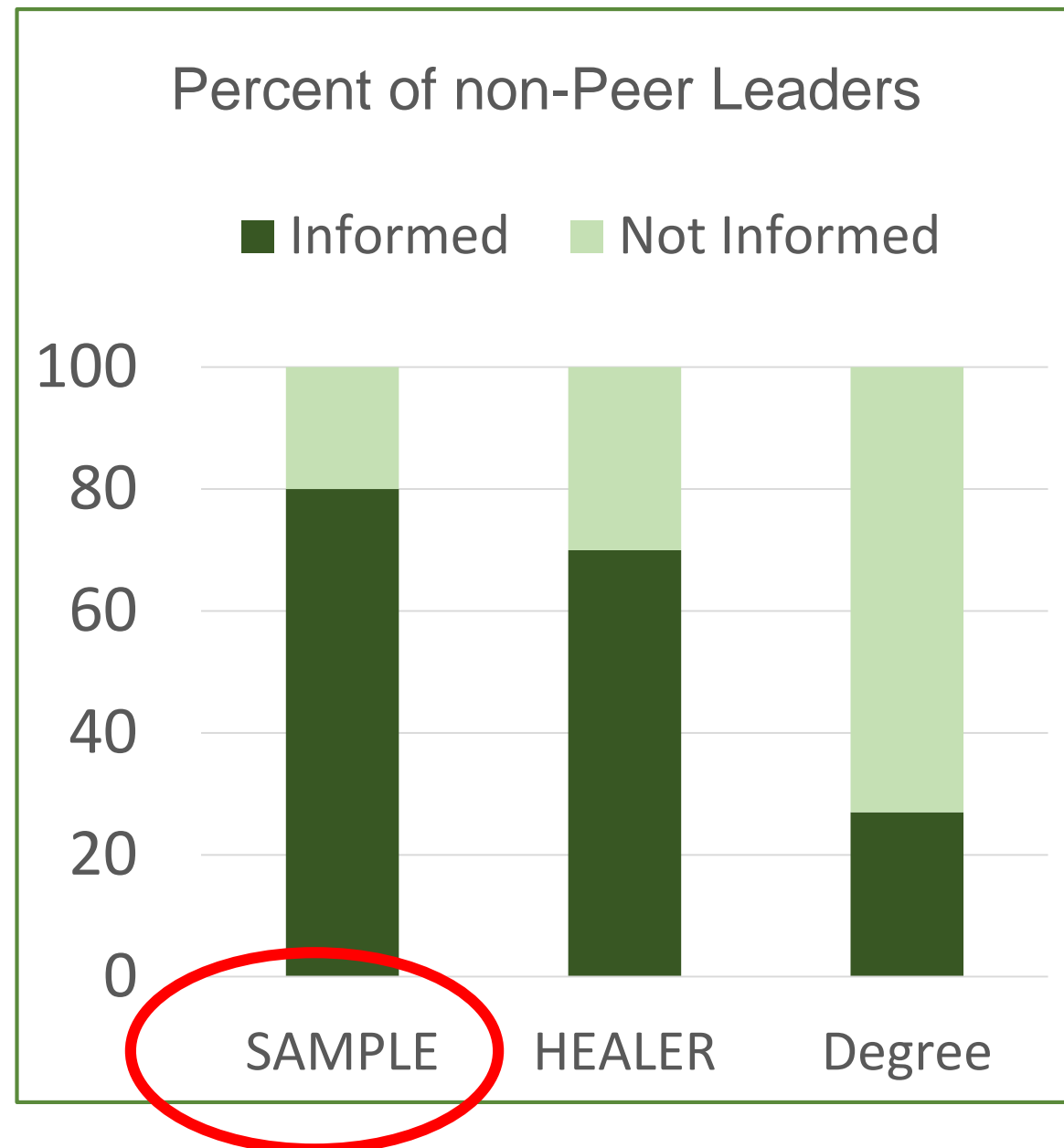
New experiment With 60 homeless youth

12 peer leaders

Results: Pilot Studies with New Sampling Algorithm [2018]



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AI Assistant: HEALER



Continuing Research on HIV prevention [2019]

- Completing 900 youth study at three homeless shelters



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Public Health: Optimizing Limited Social Worker Resources Preventing Tuberculosis in India [2019]

Tuberculosis (TB): ~500,000 deaths/year, ~3M infected in India

- *Patient in low resource communities: Non-adherence to TB Treatment*
- *Digital adherence tracking: Patients call phone #s on pill packs; many countries*
- *Predict adherence risk from phone call patterns? Intervene before patients miss dose*



Public Health: Optimizing Limited Resources

Preventing Tuberculosis in India [2019]



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- *Working jointly with Everwell Health Solutions & Microsoft Research India*
- *Everwell collaborates on software: Serves millions of TB patients in India, other countries*

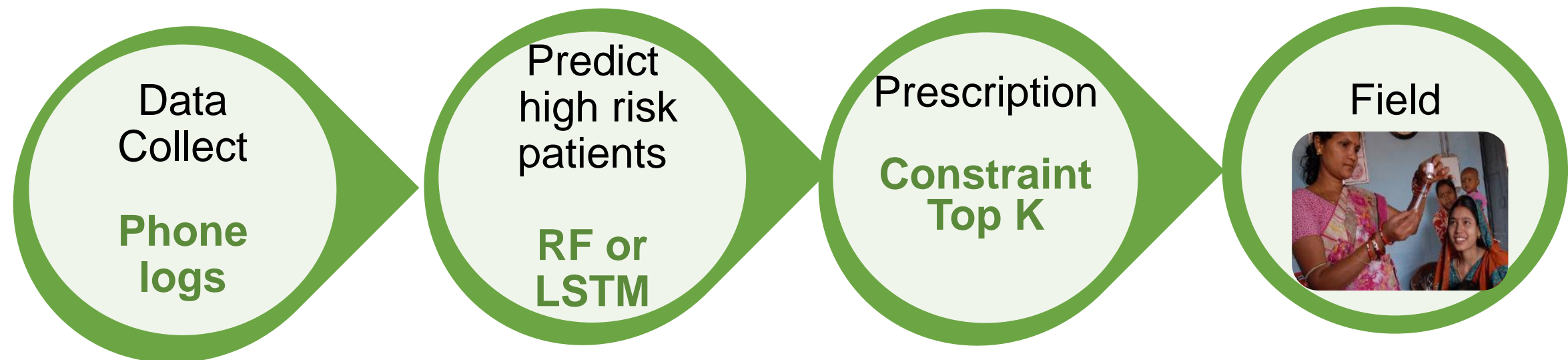


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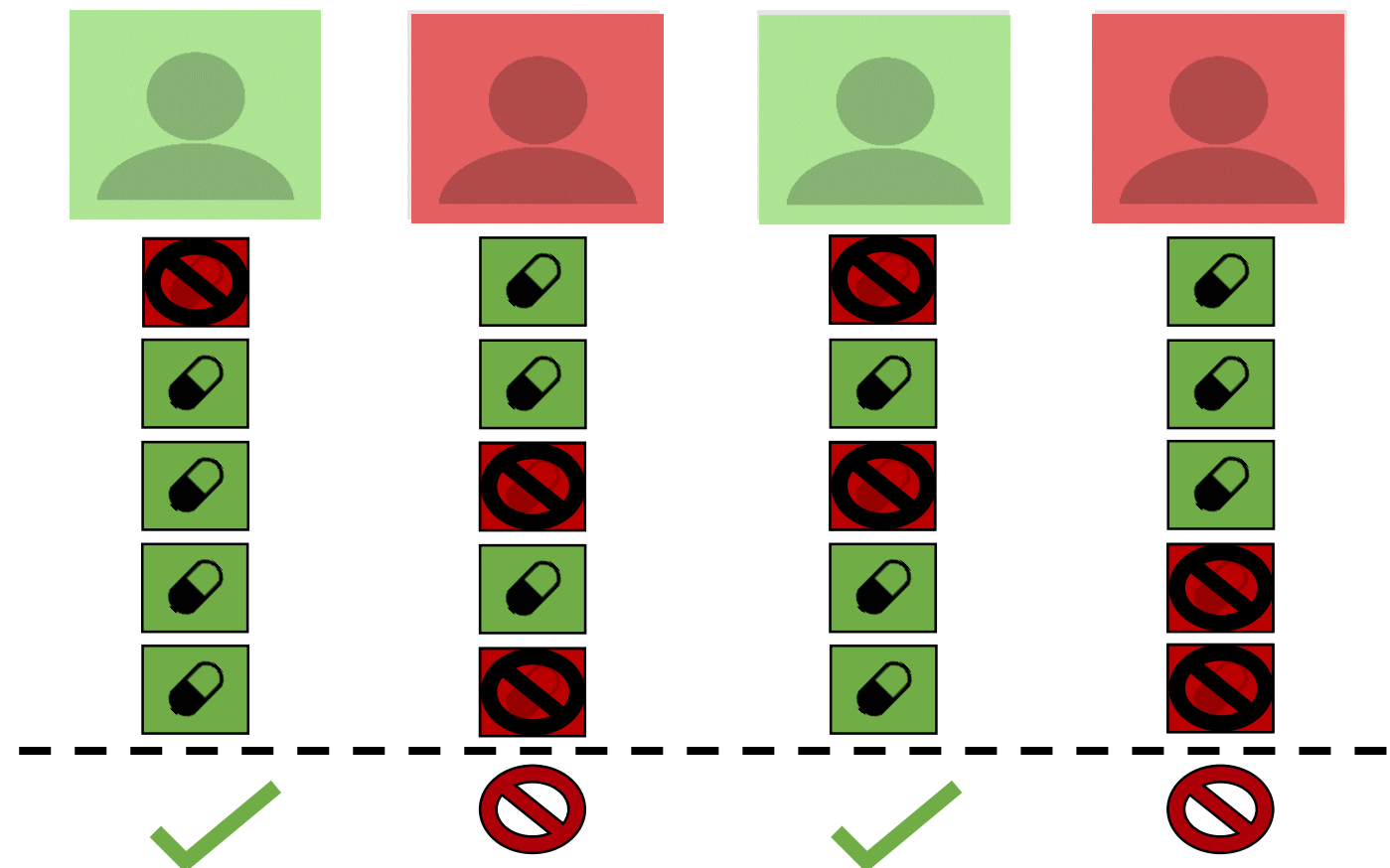
TB Treatment Adherence but Limited Resources: Intervening Selectively before patients miss doses



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➤ 15K patients, 1.5M calls



Increasing TB Treatment Adherence: Intervening before patients miss doses



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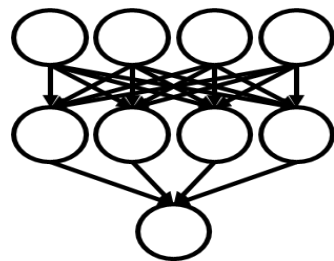
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- Robust prediction of high risk patients, e.g., patient can't call on weekends
- A zero-sum game against nature

Machine Learning

Predict high risk patients



VS

Nature

Adversarial perturb samples:
Reduce prediction accuracy

Increasing TB Treatment Adherence: Intervening before patients miss doses



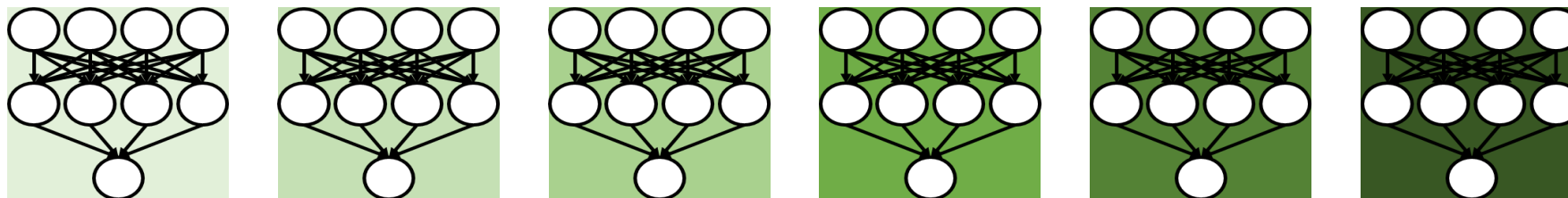
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- Predicting high risk patients: a zero-sum game against nature

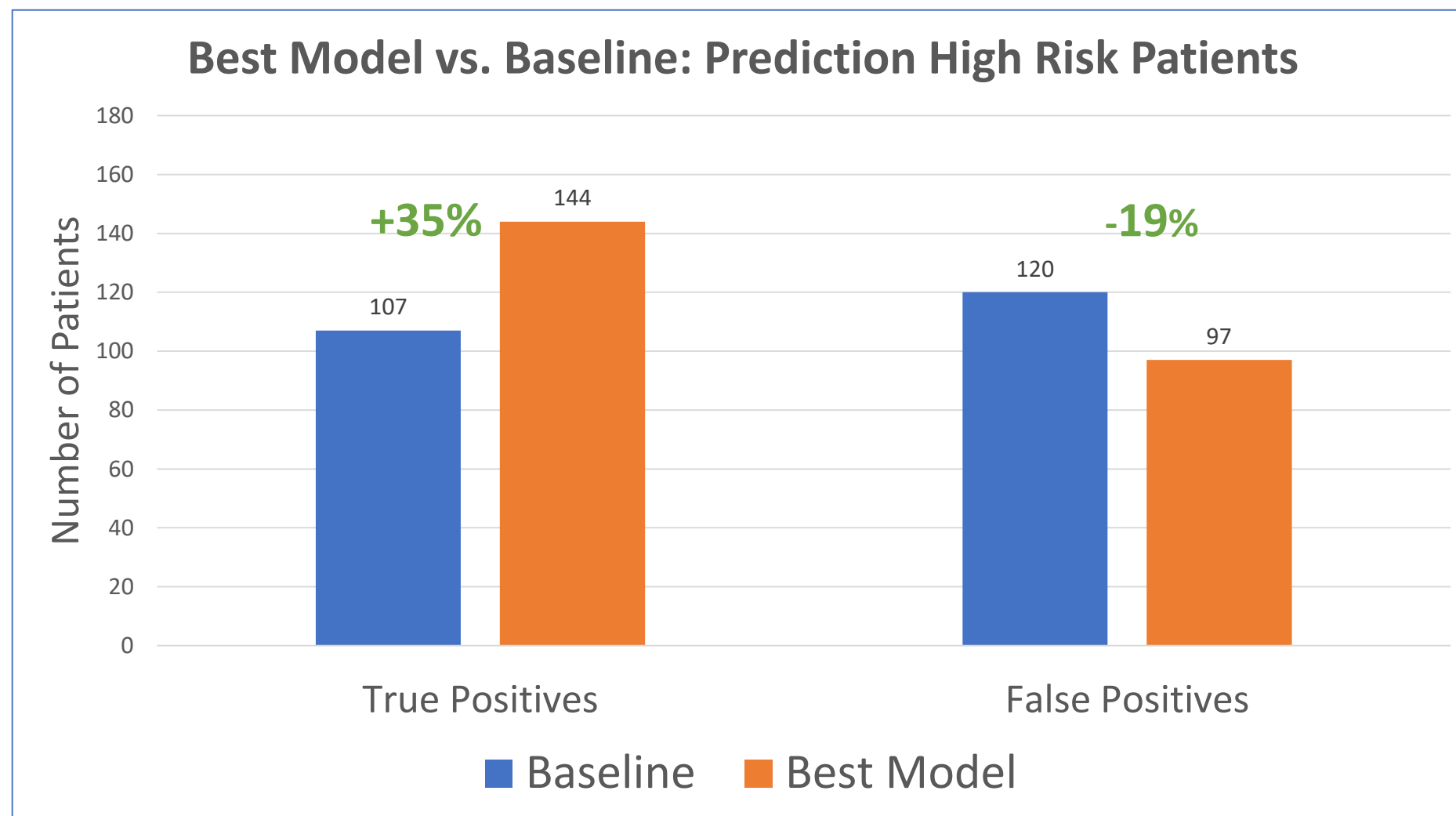


- Result: Mixed strategy (randomization) over multiple predictors

Increasing TB Treatment Adherence: Intervening before patients miss doses [2019]



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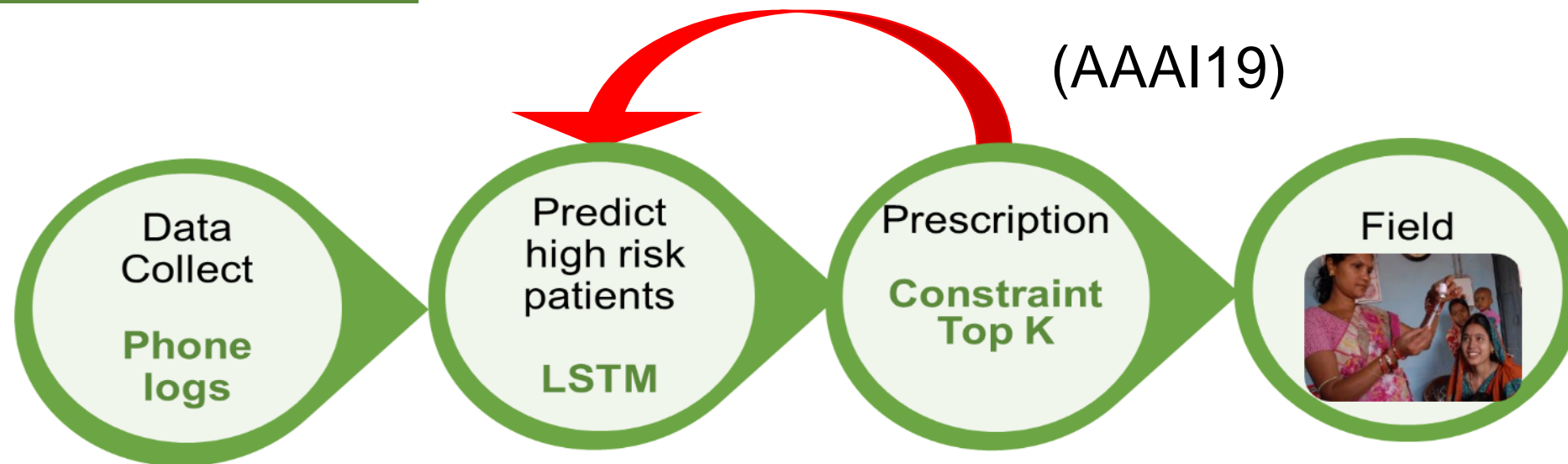


Data from
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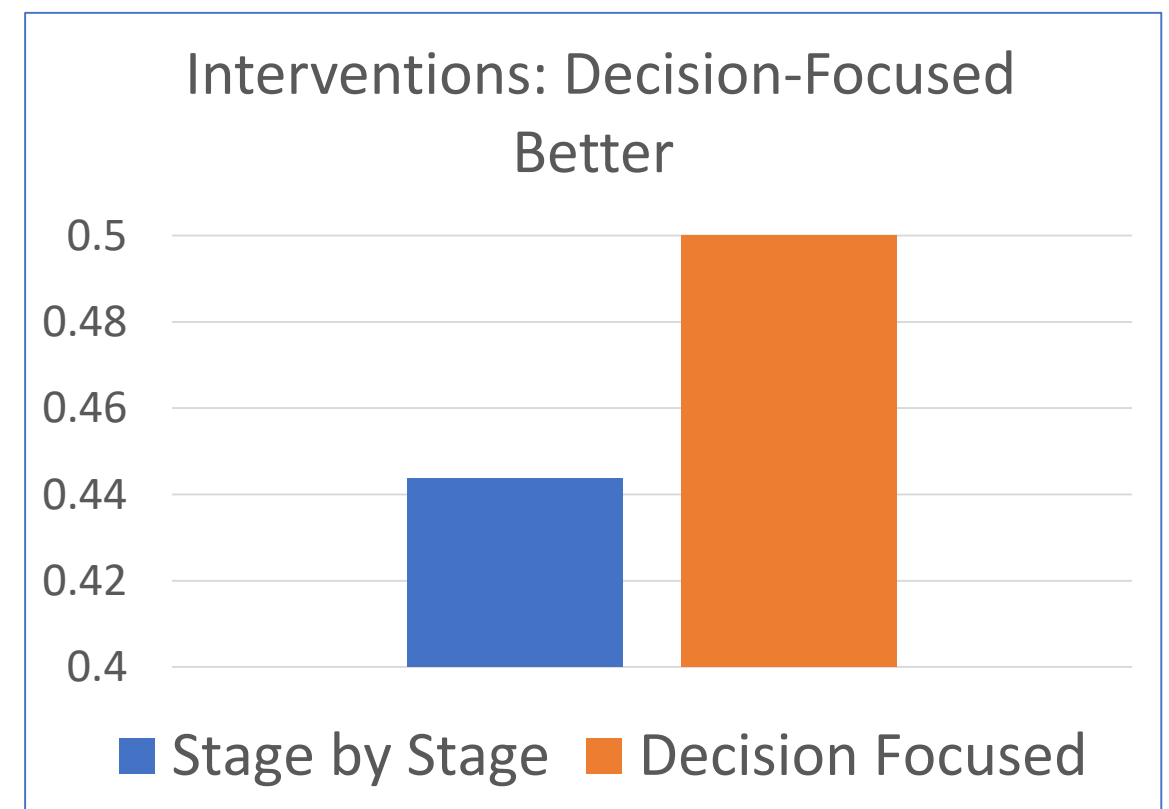
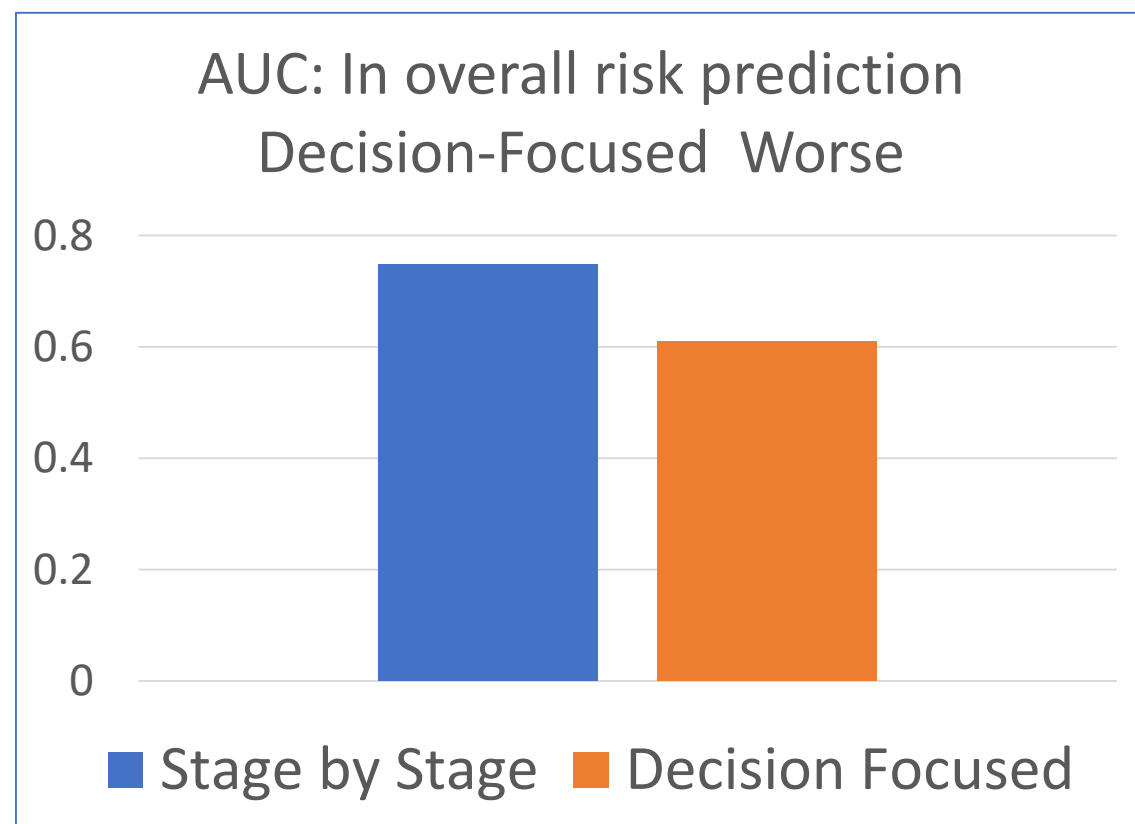
Improving TB interventions Wilder's talk at AAAI 2019: Wednesday 11:30 AM Decision-Focused vs Stage by Stage Methods



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Decision focused learning improves TB interventions



Integrating with Everwell's Platform

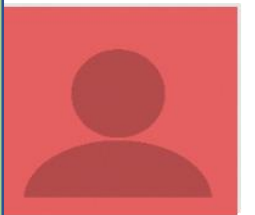


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This work has a lot of potential to save lives.

Bill Thies
Co-founder, Everwell Health Solutions



Childhood Obesity Prevention via Network Optimization



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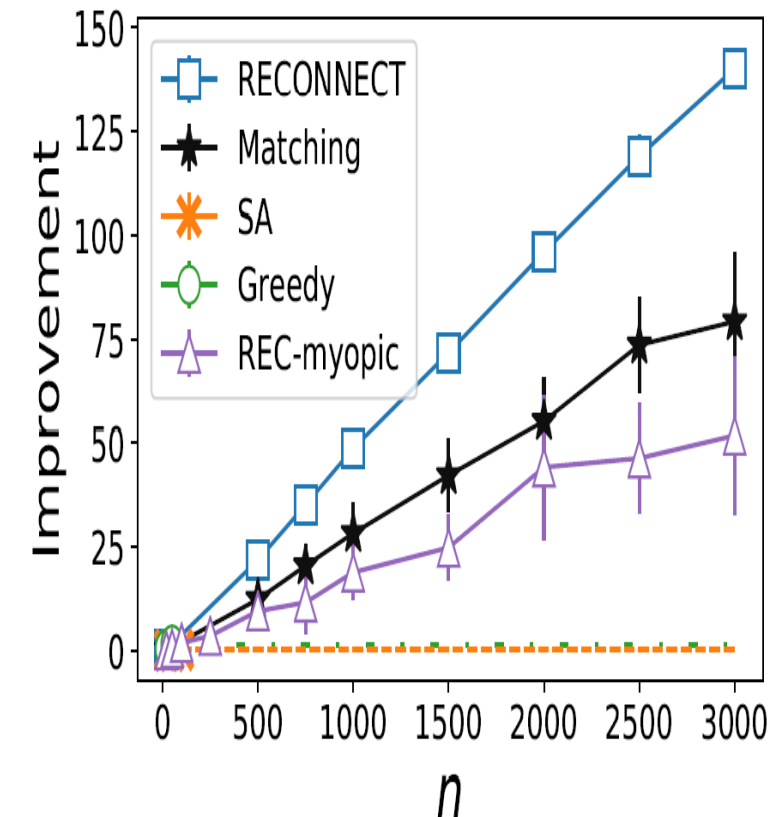
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- *Childhood obesity: Diabetes, stroke and heart disease*
- *Early intervention with mothers: Change diet/activity using social networks*
- *Competitive influences in networks: Add/remove edges for behavior change*



Childhood Obesity Prevention at homE (COPE)

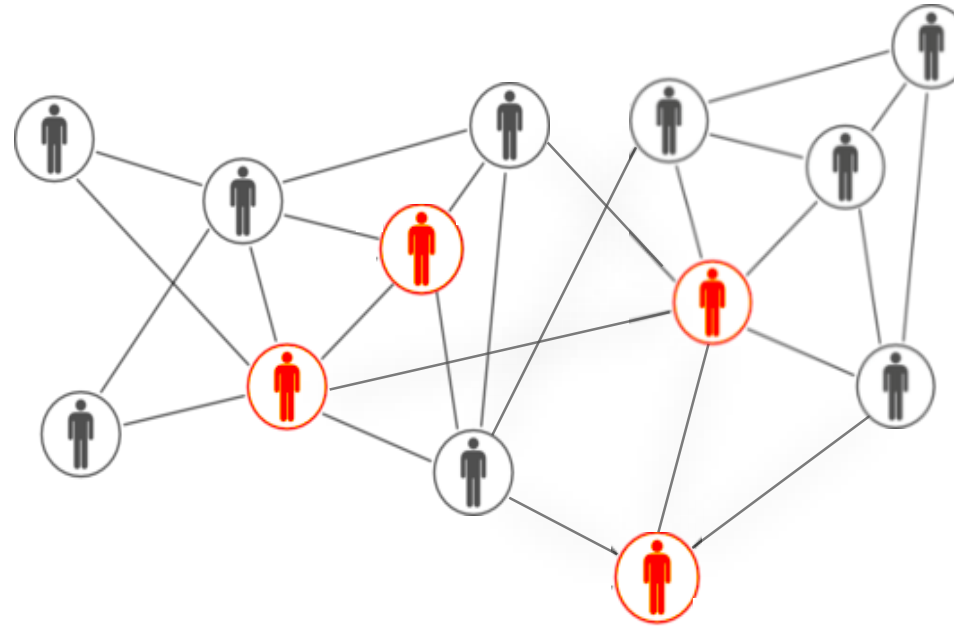
Home Visitors Manual



Suicide Prevention in Marginalized Populations: Choose Gatekeepers in social networks



Rahmattalabi



- Worst case parameters: a zero-sum game against nature

Algorithm

Chooses K gatekeepers

VS

Nature

Chooses some
gatekeepers to not
participate

New Directions: Los Angeles From an Angeleno [2019]



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Mayor Garcetti @ USC



New Directions: Mumbai

From a Mumbaikar [2019]



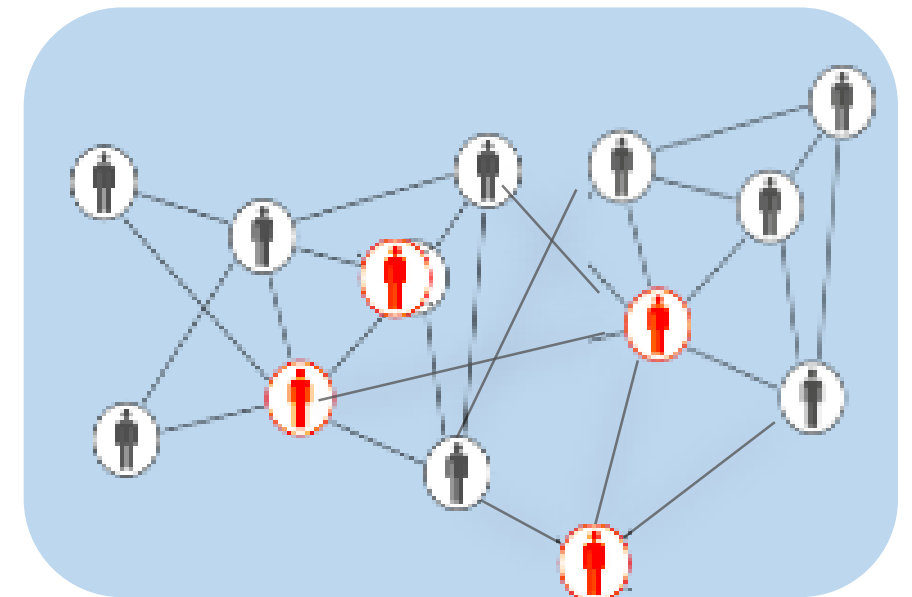
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Chief Minister Maharashtra
@ Mumbai
AI for Social Good



Key Lessons

Directing Multiagent Systems Research towards Social Good:



- Public safety & security, conservation, public health

Shared multiagent research challenges, solutions across problem areas:



- *Challenge*: Optimize limited intervention resources in interacting with others
- *Solution*: Computational game theory models/algorithms

Research contributions that arise from the domain:



- *Models*: Stackelberg Security Games/Green Security Games
- *Algorithms*: Incremental strategy generation, marginals, double oracle

Future: Multiagent Systems and AI Research for Social Good



Tremendous potential: Improving society & fighting social injustice



Vital to bring AI to those not benefiting from AI, e.g., global south



Embrace interdisciplinary research -- social work, conservation

Future Multiagent Systems and AI for Social Good in the FIELD



When working on AI for Societal Benefits:
Important step out of lab & into the field

- ➡ *Societal impact*
- ➡ *Actual problem for societal benefit?*
- ➡ *Model deficiencies for new research directions?*



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